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Calgary Transit user Brenda Mork, right, says she was touched by a driver's pre-Christmas kindness after revealing she was sick with breast cancer. The pair shared their story on Thursday. See page 4.

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Short memory for impaired drivers: MADD

Drunk or high. Jump in impaired fatal crashes back to pre-.05 days

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New road fatality data shows Calgary motorists have a short memory when it comes to impaired driving, warns an advocacy group.

In 2013, nine of 15 city drivers killed in vehicle crashes surpassed the legal boozing limit or tested positive for the major illicit drugs, according to figures compiled by the Chief Medical Examiner's Office.

With that criterion, Calgary saw a 45 per cent year-over-year spike in 2013 — although it's comparable to what was reported in 2011. The precipitous drop in 2012 came at the same time Alberta rolled out some of the country's strictest impaired-driving laws.

With the driving laws gone from the news-cycle, local MADD official Denise Dubyk fears the message is getting lost given people's "very short" memories.

"It needs to be in people's minds every day," Dubyk said. "It's something that seems to be slipping by the people who seem to be making the wrong choices."

The data, compiled exclusively for Metro, only highlights the cases in which toxicology reports were done. It's one of the first sets to reflect the presence of the three most commonly found illicit drugs in death investigations: cannabinoids, cocaine and methamphetamines.

An Alberta Justice spokeswoman said it was too difficult to parse out drugs from alcohol because many cases involve both.

That assertion was echoed by Const. Andrew Fairman, who said there's "significant overlap."

Fairman suggested the figures could be even higher than reported.

Speaking as one of Calgary's few drug-recognition experts, he said a drugged-up driver with a blood-alcohol content below the legal limit could still be impaired if they decided to toke up before hitting the road.

"There's a synergistic effect between the two that could combine to put them at a level significantly over," he said.

He added: "It's not just alcohol people on our roads — it's drugs and alcohol."

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Man accused of luring Calgary girls

Police have levied more charges against a Calgary man accused of hacking a Facebook page and using that identity to solicit naked pictures and other lewd acts from teenaged girls.

Staff Sgt. Robert Rutledge said Thursday up to 35 photos were found of "young girls in various states of undress" when police scanned the phone of 33-year-old Bojan Ambrus.

"We don't know if they were different girls because not all the photographs are headshots," Rutledge told reporters at police headquarters.

Ambrus is accused of taking over the Facebook account of "Nikki Wright."

He was first charged in October 2013 for seeking nude pictures from a 13-year-old girl and offering to pay for sex.

Rutledge didn't rule out more charges, saying investigators have yet to complete their forensic search of cellphones and computers seized in a previous raid.

The city's top vice cop called the situation "scary" and urged parents to reach out to his department if they believe their kids were victimized.

"It's just too easy for sexual predators to hide online these days," he said.

Ambrus now faces several charges including luring, attempting to procure a person into prostitution and personation with intent to gain advantage.

He's also accused of possession of, accessing or counselling a child to make child pornography.

BRYAN WEISMILLER/METRO

Injections are now your only option as the province has run out of nasal-spray vaccine in Calgary, according to Alberta Health Services. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Friday last day for flu shots

Milestone. More than 1 million Albertans have been immunized as of Jan. 8, according to the province

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Friday will likely be the last day most Calgarians will be able to get the flu shot, but special reserves of the dwindling vaccine have been set aside for children and in case of emergencies, according to health officials.

"We anticipate that here in the Calgary zone, the vaccine supply will allow us to operate our clinic as planned for today and tomorrow," Dr. Judy MacDonald, zone medical officer of health, said Thursday.

After that, the province expects to be almost entirely out of the vaccine, although MacDonald said kids younger than nine who received a first dose will have a second dose set aside for them, as is required to fully protect young children.

"Limited doses will also be reserved to address specific outbreaks in health-care centres and continuing-care sites," Alberta Health Services said in a statement.

MacDonald said no children have been among the influenza deaths this season.

Health Minister Fred Horne said the national Vaccine Supply Working Group, which makes recommendations about how reserve stocks of flu vaccine should be distributed, is aware of Alberta's shortage.

"We have certainly made it known that we would like more vaccine," he said. "We are not sure where that is in the process right now."

The Public Health Agency of Canada is also working to co-ordinate vaccine sharing, according to spokesperson Blossom Leung, but she did not say Thursday if vaccine will be sent to Alberta from other provinces.

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Health staff short on shots

Less than half of Alberta Health Services employees working in Calgary and surrounding areas got flu shots themselves, according to a recent report.

As of Jan. 6, AHS said 45.2 per cent of staff in the Calgary zone had been immunized, the lowest of all health zones in the province.

Staff at South Health Campus had the highest rate in the Calgary zone with 55.4 per cent immunized, while Claresholm General Hospital had the lowest rate at 19.5 per cent.

"I think it's important for health-care workers to be immunized," said Dr. Judy MacDonald, zone medical officer of health. "We need to work with them, though, to convince them that that is the best way to proceed."

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Transit driver comes bearing gifts for cancer-stricken mom

Above and beyond. Veteran driver offered up help over the holiday season

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When typically buoyant banter on bus route No. 72 took a gloomy turn this fall, a Calgary Transit driver dug into his own pockets help out a customer.

Ogden resident Brenda Mork was diagnosed with breast cancer in October.

Despite describing herself as an "intensely private person," Mork was having an emotional day when she revealed her sickness to her bus-driving confidant before Christmas.

"Everything hit me that one morning," she recalled Thursday. "Doug being Doug said, 'Hi — how you doing?' and it sort of all came out.

Quoted

"At one point or another there's going to be a time when you're down and out and that's when you help people. That's what we were taught."

Calgary Transit operator Doug Hein

"The poor guy got it with both barrels."

The Doug referenced is Doug Hein, a chatty Calgary Transit operator. Hein took it to heart the day he heard the Calgary mother was struggling financially after taking time off working two jobs to recover from surgery.

In response, Hein went out and bought a pair of Toys "R" Us gift cards for the Morks' seven- and nine-year-old daughters and another grocery store card for the family. He then surprised her two days before Christmas.

Sitting in the Mork family's living room on Thursday, the veteran driver remained supremely modest in contending he was just trying to do the right thing.

"Not everything goes smoothly in life," he told Metro. "At one point or another there's going to be a time when you're down and out and that's when you help people.

"That's what we were taught."

Indeed, early-morning commutes have become a stress reliever for Monk as she battles cancer. The two routinely talk over everything from cooking to kids to pets.

"Trust me — when you're working on six-hours' sleep, you've got two kids hanging off your sides — you need that shot of sanity," she said. "That's what Doug gives me."

Veteran transit driver Doug Hein, left, and Brenda Mork met on Thursday to share the story of how the Calgary mother was helped after being diagnosed with cancer. BRYAN WEISMILLER/METRO

Coyote traps could come back to Calgary parks

Coyote traps could once again land in city parks as soon as next month, says the university researcher behind the controversial study.

Alessandro Massolo, assistant professor of wildlife health at the University of Calgary, previously took heat from park users and pet owners who complained it was dangerous to set foot-hold traps in places such as Nose Hill Park.

The study was temporarily halted due to the backlash.

While an education campaign was later rolled out to ease concerns over the rubber-padded snares, Massolo told Metro he might try something entirely new on the next go-round.

"Now we are trying not to use the foot-hold traps," he said. "But we're trying to use other devices … cage traps.

"But it's too early; we don't know yet."

Massolo stressed it would be easy to open the cage door — but added it's getting them inside that could prove challenging with that method.

"It's a little more difficult to catch the animals because the animals don't want to go into the cage," he said.

The catch-tag-and-release study uses GPS data to track urban coyote movement. Early results are still being analyzed, he said.

Operations could resume in February, Massolo added, as long as there's no risk of coyote pups being kept from their lactating mothers.

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Banff. No one aiding probe of Brit runner's case: RCMP

Mounties in Banff say they're having a tough time investigating the alleged mugging of a British charity runner because they haven't received any tips.

Cpl. Chris Kosack told Metro it's "a little odd" no one has come forward, given the case generated international headlines when the marathoner Jamie McDonald claimed he was roughed up on New Year's Eve.

"It's making the story less credible from when it first went out there," Kosack said Thursday.

McDonald reported his "missing man purse" to police after he was allegedly attacked sometime after 2 a.m. while hotel hopping.

Police say booze was involved and McDonald couldn't remember when the events transpired.

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N.L. to B.C.

Jamie McDonald is running 8,000 kilometres from St. John's, N.L., to Vancouver, B.C., in a bid to raise money for the Alberta Children's Hospital and other charities.

Another suspect on the run

Charges laid in stabbing spree

Calgary cops announced Thursday that charges had been laid after three people were allegedly stabbed in separate violent acts along 17 Avenue SW last week.

Police also said another suspect is still on the loose.

It's alleged three people were attacked on Jan. 5, with police calling two cases random attacks. On Wednesday, a man was arrested and later charged in relation to all three cases. Dayna Lawrence Noname, 25, of Calgary, has been charged with three counts of aggravated assault. He remains in custody and was scheduled to appear in provincial court. METRO

'GYPSY' CABS MIGHT BE THE ONLY CALGARY TAXI SOLUTION WE HAVE

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A few years ago, I was driving home on a cold night when, while stopped at a red light, a couple walked up to me and asked if I'd drive them home for $50.

It was a bone-chilling night, and as has become customary in Calgary, there were no cabs in sight.

I initially hesitated. But I quickly assessed the couple and decided to drive them home.

As Murphy's Law would have it, the couple ended up living in Royal Oak, so the trip took way longer than I had anticipated.

Still, I felt I actually helped two people who otherwise could have been stuck in the bitter cold for hours.

Cut to 2014, and the situation for those hoping to get home hasn't improved. In fact, many would say it's gotten worse, which is why we're seeing more of these supposed "gypsy" cabs.

Is there a risk to taking these "gypsy" cabs? Absolutely. Is it as scary as some would want you to believe? Probably not.

After all, we all put our lives in the hands of complete strangers every day. Someone offering to drive us home has risks, but so does everything we do.

What else are we supposed to do? Wait for those in City Hall to help us? That won't be happening any time soon.

The absurdity of Calgary's taxi system is one that's left me baffled for years. Instead of continuing to defend missteps like the exclusive airport contract and dated taxi licence caps that are so wrapped up in red tape you'd mistake them for a belated Christmas present, why not put the concerns of the people who are using these cabs first?

The new Batman ... sort of

I like to think of these "gypsy" cab drivers as vigilante superheroes.... Sure, unlike Batman, they're making a profit off of saving people, but at least they're doing something that gets people home safely.

How much longer will Calgarians be left to wander the cold streets at night hoping that an empty cab will drive by? That seems far more dangerous to me.

Of course, there are other factors that are burdening the already feeble taxi system.

Calgarians' love of urban sprawl means that at any moment, a cab could be asked to drive out to Evanston and is essentially gone for the night.

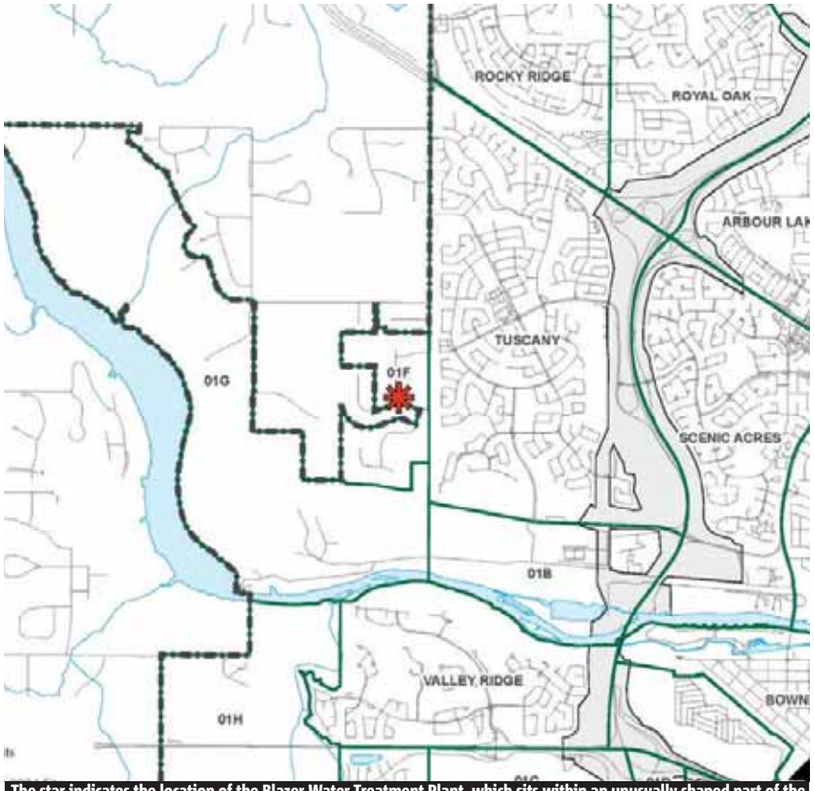
Calgary Transit closing well before the bars do also leaves thousands of people left to look for other alternatives.

I like to think of these "gypsy" cab drivers as vigilante superheroes.

Sure, unlike Batman, they're making a profit off of saving people, but at least they're doing something that gets people home safely. And really, that's what it's all about: safety.

If city council is really concerned about Calgarians' safety, they're not leaving us with very many choices.

And if, God forbid, something happens while someone is using one of these "gypsy" cabs, I'm not sure if city council would be blameless, which is always a dangerous place to be.



The star indicates the location of the Blazer Water Treatment Plant, which sits within an unusually shaped part of the city's boundary. Rocky View County has expressed an interest in having the plant and the land returned to it.

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Coun. muses about wide-scale annexation

Rocky View County.

What to do with small treatment plant leads to talk of broader border issues

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Calgary should look at annexing wide swaths of Rocky View County if the province doesn't force surrounding municipalities into a binding plan for development in the entire region, a city councillor said Thursday.

Coun. Jim Stevenson said he doubts it will come to that, however, as he expects the provincial government will bring holdout municipalities like Rocky View and the M.D. of Foothills into the Calgary Metropolitan Plan (CMP) through legislation.

"But if the province is not going to legislate the Calgary Metropolitan Plan then we need to go back to our UniCity approach we had years ago and start a large-scale annexation plan," Stevenson said during a meeting of the city's intergovernmental affairs committee, adding he'd look to annex as far north as Highway 566 — five kilometres past the current city limit.

The talk of broad annexation stemmed from discussion about Calgary potentially returning a small parcel of northwest land to Rocky View, including a private water-treatment plant that serves customers in both municipalities.

Rocky View Reeve Margaret Bahcheli told Metro "it seems to make some sense" to do so after the plant was "scooped up" by Calgary in an earlier annexation.

"It ended up in the city almost by accident when the (Lynx Ridge) golf course got put into the city," she said.

The plant now sits within a jagged section of the municipal boundary, one of several spots where Stevenson said the borders don't make much sense and prevent significant sections of land from being properly serviced.

"We have land in the County of Rocky View that's only accessible through the City of Calgary," he said.

"We have land in the City of Calgary that's only accessible through the County of Rocky View."

Ideally, he said those areas should all be smoothed out as part of an "omnibus" series of annexations back and forth, all negotiated at once.

Mayor's perspective

Mayor Naheed Nenshi said it would be prudent to hold off on letting the treatment plant go, for now.

- "This could be a bargaining chip towards pieces of land that we want," he said.

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Collision. Alberta man and kids killed in B.C. accident; mom and child in hospital

An Alberta man and his two young children have died in a collision near Valemount, B.C., that left his wife and a three-year-old child in hospital.

RCMP Const. Lesley Smith of North District Traffic Services said the driver of a minivan was apparently trying to pass a semi-tractor trailer when he lost control and swerved into the oncoming lane.

She said the minivan was T-boned by another semi, killing the man, a six-year-old and one of the two three-year-olds in the vehicle.

The woman and child are in stable condition in a hospital in Jasper, Alta., following the collision Wednesday afternoon on Highway 16 near Moose Lake overpass, about 40 kilometres east of Tete Jaune Junction.

Smith said there have been 16 fatal collisions on the highway in the last year and that some of them were related to vehicles trying to pass on an unsafe stretch of the road, especially during unpredictable weather.

She said there are several designated passing lanes on parts of the highway.

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Other recent accident

On Thursday, the B.C. Coroners Service released the name of an 85-year-old Calgary woman who died in a crash on the Coquihalla Highway, about 50 kilometres south of Merritt.

- Gayle Ashforth was a passenger in an SUV that was struck head-on by a forestry chip truck.
- Her 86-year-old husband, who was driving, was airlifted to a Vancouver-area hospital.

Inspectors should monitor asbestos abatement: Coun.

As more and more older homes are torn down to make room for new developments, Coun. Gian-Carlo Carra wants city inspectors given more power to oversee asbestos abatement. METRO FILE

Now we know better.
Asbestos can be found in buildings constructed prior to 1983

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Asbestos containment during demolitions currently happens almost on the honour system in Calgary, says a city councillor who wants municipal building inspectors given the authority to oversee the process.

"You're required right now to sign off that you've done it appropriately, but the oversight comes from the province, who don't actually enforce that," Coun. Gian-Carlo Carra said Thursday.

Occupational Health and Safety rules outline procedures for workers demolishing buildings, Carra noted, and it becomes the jurisdiction of Alberta Health Services if there is a release of the dangerous fibres, but the city currently has "no direct jurisdiction" over asbestos abatement.

He said he became aware of the problem after two post-flood demolitions in his ward, one which followed proper procedures and one in which the home appeared to be simply knocked down with little or no abatement.

"That's what started my sort-of quest to get this addressed," Carra said.

The problem, he added, will only grow as Calgary sees more and more older homes knocked down for infill development.

Council

Carra plans to present a motion at Monday's council meeting that would see municipal building inspectors more involved in the abatement process.

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Debt clock is spinning: CTF

According to the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, Alberta's debt as of 9:30 a.m. Thursday was a whopping $7.7 billion… and counting.

The taxpayers advocate said they are updating the amount in real time at albertadebtclock.ca, noting it goes up $129.25 every second. METRO

Last draw of 2013

Calgarian hits the 6-49 jackpot

Calgary's Kim Kelly got a splendid holiday surprise — she won just over $8.1 million in the Lotto 6-49 draw just prior to the new year. She originally thought she won $8,000. Then her son encouraged her to recheck the ticket, and that's when she found out she won the bigger prize. METRO

Southeast Calgary

Charges laid in NYE shooting

Police have arrested and charged a man after a shooting New Year's Eve. Cops were called Dec. 31 after reports of a 33-year-old man being shot. He was taken to hospital where he remains in stable condition. Chayce Anthony Krause, 19, of Calgary faces a charge of attempted murder. METRO

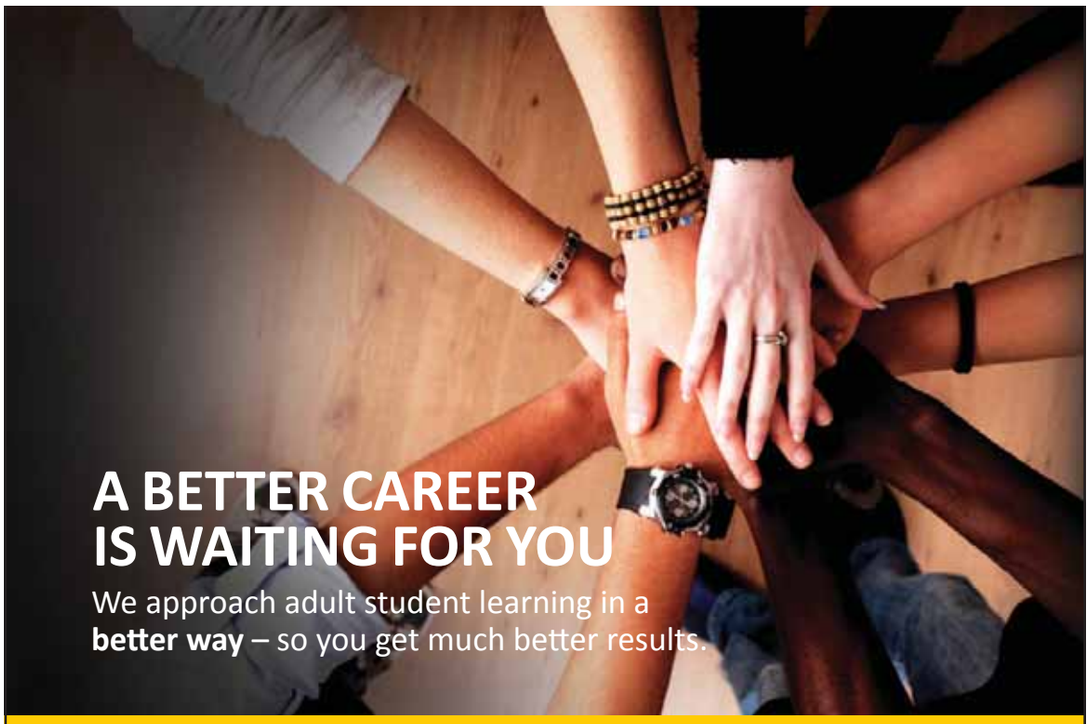
Outstanding warrants

Wanted man arrested by CPS

A Calgary man wanted on outstanding warrants was arrested Wednesday.

Guy Gorrell, 42, was wanted on several warrants, including break and enter. He was arrested at a southeast Calgary home on Jan. 8.

Police are thanking the public for their help with the case. METRO



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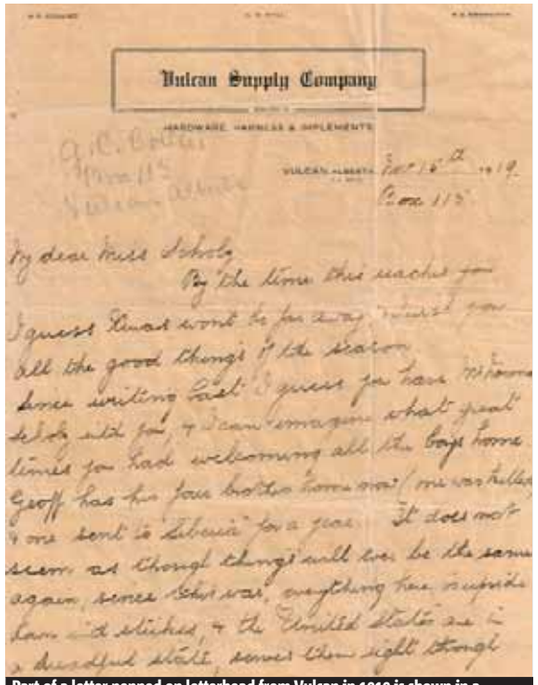

Part of a letter penned on letterhead from Vulcan in 1919 is shown in a handout photo. A yellowed letter that turned up in an antique trunk halfway around the world is giving people in the small Alberta town a glimpse at what post-war Prairie life was like nearly a century ago. HANDDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Letter written by woman 94 years ago returned

Post-war Prairie life. Voice from Alberta's past comes home

A yellowed letter that turned up in a antique trunk halfway around the world is giving people in a small Alberta town a glimpse at what post-war Prairie life was like nearly a century ago.

Victoria Collier penned the correspondence on Nov. 15, 1919 — shortly after the First World War — on letterhead from the Vulcan Supply Co. in the town of Vulcan, southeast of Calgary.

The letter remained hidden away in a traveller's trunk for 94 years until a man named Tim Lacey bought the trunk in Balaklava, Australia, a few years ago.

When he finally got a chance to go through it, he found the letter, looked up Vulcan on the map and shipped the missive back.

"It does not seem as though things will ever be the same again, since this war, everything here is upside down with strikes, the United States is in a dreadful state," the letter reads. "Serves them right though they are always saying 'How they won the war,' running down other 'Nations,' thinking they rule the world, you should feel thankful you have not got them as neighbours."

Collier goes on about the weather at the time.

"We have had a very dry year (the 3rd) again, it's making things bad. An early winter has set in since October 15 we have had 2 feet of snow on the ground … cattle are dying for want of feed, hay is an awful price, can scarcely be got. Government is talking of helping out more than has been."

The letter is addressed only to a Miss Scholz. It's not known what the relationship was between the two.

The letter has been offered to Collier's family, but Jonathan Allan, economic development officer for the Vulcan Business Development Society, said he expects it will be placed in the Vulcan museum.

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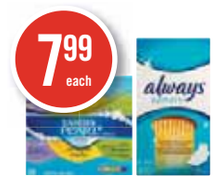

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Cyberbullying can ruin — or end — lives, campaign says

Stop Hating Online. MacKay and Rehtaeh Parsons's father stress mindfulness at launch

HALEY RYAN
Metro in Halifax

A crowd of more than 100 students listened quietly as Glen Canning talked about how much damage sharing a private photo can have on someone's life during the launch of a new anti-cyberbullying campaign on Thursday.

Canning spoke at Halifax's Fairview Junior High School alongside Justice Minister Peter MacKay, who said the point of the awareness campaign is for parents and children to know when cyberbullying crosses into illegal territory with the distribution of intimate pictures.

"Please stop and just think about it. Think about how hurtful and harmful that could be," said Canning, father of Rehtaeh Parsons.

Parsons died after taking her own life last April, following what her parents say was months of bullying after an explicit photo was spread around her school.

"You could really end somebody's life," Canning said.

The campaign, Stop Hating Online, will appear around the country in a new commercial, which shows teens sharing a private photo via cellphone before a police officer places them under arrest.

MacKay said it's important to get the message across to kids that sharing intimate photos isn't just wrong, but could change their own lives forever by putting them in jail.

Ever-present

"It's extreme. It doesn't end. It's everywhere."
Fairview Junior High School student Amanda Jamieson, 14, on cyberbullying

While some have criticized the proposed federal law on distributing images without consent by saying it gives police too much power, MacKay said it's important to modernize the Criminal Code.

He said police would go through a judge to obtain a warrant to search online messages and records, so there are safeguards in place.

"Given the very real and devastating effects of cyberbullying, we have to do something and we have to do it quickly," MacKay said.

Justice Minister Peter MacKay arrives with his wife Nazanin Afshin-Jam and son Kian at Fairview Junior High School in Halifax on Thursday. MacKay announced a national campaign to stop cyberbullying. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

No-women request gets OK from York, scorn from politicians

Federal MPs of all political stripes took a Toronto university to task for siding with a male student who requested that he be excused from participating in a group project with women.

The York University student, whose name has not been released, cited religious grounds for the request. His religion is unclear.

Sociology professor Paul Grayson originally rejected the man's request last fall; the student went on to meet with his female classmates as scheduled.

But Grayson said he was later told by the dean of the faculty of liberal arts and professional studies that the student should have been accommodated, since the request did not have a "substantial impact" on the rights of other students.

"York is a public secular university with a commitment to equality," Grayson wrote in a Dec. 9 report.

"As a result, my initial assessment was that to grant the accommodation would be to give tacit support to a negative view of women."

A statement from the university said it based its decision on a number of factors, including consideration of the Ontario Human Rights Code, the individual circumstances, the requirements of the law and the academic requirements of the course.

"A deciding factor in this case was that it was an online course where another student had previously been given permission to complete the course requirement off-campus," said Rhonda Lenton, the university's vice-president academic.

"Ultimately, a satisfactory agreement was reached between the professor and the student."

Values dissonance

"This is what we've tried to combat in places like Afghanistan."
Justice Minister Peter MacKay

The administration's position found no support among federal MPs asked about the controversy.

"This is what we've tried to combat in places like Afghanistan," Justice Minister Peter MacKay said.

"Building schools there, and ensuring now that millions of girls are able to attend school alongside boys, I believe, is a very positive accomplishment of our country."

Added NDP Leader Tom Mulcair: "I don't think a university should be accommodating such a demand."

Parliamentarians with ridings in the vicinity of York also weighed in.

"It's nothing short of ridiculous," Liberal MP Judy Sgro said. "We live in a country seeking gender equality.... This is Canada, pure and simple."

Conservative MP Mark Adler said in an email that the school "needs to realize that this kind of sexism has no place in Canadian society."

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Cuba

Fidel Castro appears in public

Former President Fidel Castro has made his first public appearance in nine months, attending the opening of an art studio in the Cuban capital. Castro last appeared in public on April 9, 2013, when he attended the inauguration of a Havana school.

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Sarajevo

Last shoe shiner passes away

Thousands of Bosnians have signed a petition urging authorities to erect a monument to Sarajevo's last shoe shiner, who died at 83 after charming generations. As if waiting to be cleaned, a pair of old shoes stood Thursday in front of the wooden chair on which Husein Hasani — known as Uncle Misho — usually sat. Citizens laid flowers and lit candles around the chair.

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Security concerns before Sochi Winter Olympics

Security personnel survey the Olympic Park on Jan. 9 in Alder, Russia, ahead of the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics, which start on Feb. 6. A series of unexplained killings in southern Russia involving booby-trapped bombs has further heightened security fears ahead of next month's Winter Olympics in Sochi. Six men were found shot to death the day before in four cars in an area just north of the Caucasus Mountains region, where an Islamic insurgency is simmering.

MICHAEL HEIMAN/GETTY IMAGES

Pussy Riot sets up prisoners' rights NGO

'A social movement.' Punk band will still make music, but its focus is on activism

Pussy Riot members Maria Alyokhina, left, and Nadezhda Tolokonnikova in court. ANDREY SVITAILO/METRO IN MOSCOW FILE

The recently freed members of the punk protest group Pussy Riot will be less musical and even more political as they fight for human rights in Russia. Maria Alyokhina and Nadezhda Tolokonnikova have revealed plans to set up a new human rights organization called Zona Prava (Justice Zone), which will focus on protecting prisoners' rights. Alyokhina and Tolokonnikova spoke to Metro about their new project and their thoughts on the Sochi Games.

Q: When will your human rights organization begin to work?

Alyokhina: In late January, our organization Zona Prava will be officially registered. Even before this its website will be set up, and all the information about it will appear across social networks.

Q: What will be the first actions Zona Prava will carry out?

Alyokhina: The very first actions will be directed towards specific people with whom we are connected. They are convicted women who testified before human rights activists about what's going on in the penal colonies. These people are subjected to repression, and we intend first and foremost to legally protect them. The issue is about court cases and grievances made against various departmental and prosecutorial authorities.

Q: The Winter Olympics in Sochi take place next month. Will you boycott them?

Tolokonnikova: Yes, as citizens of Russia, we will boycott the Games. We will also call for all Russian citizens who do not agree with the current government's policy, as well as foreign representatives of different countries and companies to boycott the event.

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Dennis the menace? Rodman says he's sorry

Dennis Rodman walks along the court at an exhibition basketball game between U.S. and North Korean players at an indoor stadium in Pyongyang, North Korea, on Wednesday. KIM KWANG HYON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dennis Rodman apologized Thursday for comments he made in North Korea about a detained American missionary, saying he had been drinking and was under pressure as he organized a game with former NBA players.

The former basketball star issued the apology through publicist Jules Feiler in an email message to The Associated Press, a day after he sang "Happy Birthday" to North Korean leader Kim Jong Un at the start of the friendly game.

Rodman has been slammed for not using his influence with Kim to help free Kenneth Bae, the missionary in poor health who is being confined in North Korea for "anti-state" crimes. In an interview with CNN on Tuesday, Rodman implied Bae was at fault.

"I want to apologize," Rodman said Thursday. "I take full responsibility for my actions. It had been a very stressful day. Some of my teammates were leaving because of pressure from their families and business associates. My dreams of basketball diplomacy was quickly falling apart. I had been drinking. It's not an excuse but by the time the interview happened I was upset. I was overwhelmed. It's not an excuse, it's just the truth."

Rodman said he wanted to apologize first to Bae's family. "I'm very sorry. At this point I should know better than to make political statements. I'm truly sorry."

In the interview, Rodman was asked whether he would raise the issue of Bae during his visit.

Bae, a Korean-American Christian missionary and tour operator based in China, has been detained for more than a year. North Korea sees missionary work as a threat to its authoritarian government. Bae's sister, Terri Chung, welcomed Rodman's apology.

"I think it's good to see him recognize the gravity and the urgency of Ken's plight," she said from her home in Edmonds, Washington. "It's nothing he can make light of or play games with."

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The Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics: Defeat, triumph, tragedy and the weather

"Basically all four years lead to one second that can screw you all up."

Canadian ski jumper Stefan Read on failing to qualify for the main competition.

"We have all seen ... how close victory and failure and disaster is together."

Three-time luge gold medallist and German coach Georg Hackl on the death of Georgian luger Nodar Kumaritashvili in a Feb. 12 training crash.

"If 80,000 girls (in Canada) are playing 267 (in Slovakia), that's the 18-0."

International Ice Hockey Federation president Rene Fasel on the state of women's hockey.

"The snow, we bring it in and the warm weather it comes and it disappears."

VANOC spokeswoman Renee Smith-Valade on the rescue of Cypress Mountain's freestyle skiing and snowboarding venues.

"If I could have done this job with a paper bag over my head I probably would have."

VANOC CEO John Furlong on being a public figure.

"These were excellent and friendly Games!"

IOC president Jacques Rogge

Lessons from an old flame

Whether it was the fatal luge crash at Whistler's too-fast sled track, the spring-like weather, or the opening ceremony cauldron malfunction, Vancouver's 2010 Winter Olympics had a dismal start. But they enjoyed a strong finish because red mitten-clad Canadians poured into the streets to cheer on their athletes. But when it comes to a mega-event's legacy, host cities want more than smiles, high fives and happy memories. They want infrastructure, jobs and investment. With the 2014 Winter Games starting next month, Metro looks at Vancouver's Olympic legacy, which could serve as a warning — or hope — for both Sochi and Toronto, host of the 2015 Pan American Games

BOB MACKIN
For Metro in Vancouver

The Olympic cauldron during the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics on Feb. 19, 2010, at left, and earlier this year. LEFT: HARRY HOW/GETTY IMAGES FILE; RIGHT: JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

THE PITCH

During his B.C. premiership, Gordon Campbell was the biggest salesman for the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics.

He claimed it would add $10 billion to the province's economy and he boldly challenged the tourism industry to use the Games to double its revenue. Governments also tried to use the Games to spark domestic and international trade and investment, but the 2008 global economic crisis got in the way.

During the boom-and-bust, bid-to-hosting cycle between 2000 and 2010, Campbell's B.C. Progress Board found B.C.'s economy, personal income and jobs rankings fell behind other provinces and social conditions remained static at ninth overall.

TOURISM FALLS SHORT

Through 2012, tourism was a $13.5-billion industry, unlikely to reach Campbell's $18-billion wish by 2015.

"Even though it received a boost from the 2010 Olympic Games, the province's tourism sector has not kept pace with the rest of the economy over the longer run, as growth in 2011 and 2012 has been well below the average in other industries," according to a Destination B.C. report.

Since 2007, tourism expanded 4.5 per cent, which is below the 6.1 per cent for the overall economy and the 7.8 per cent for the service sector.

Buoyed by a record Olympic February, Vancouver registered 8.415 million hotel stays in 2010, far below the 2007 record of 8.91 million. For 2012, the most recent year available, Vancouver counted 8.34 million room nights.

A BOOM FOR REAL ESTATE

Greater Vancouver homebuilding and buying boomed. The population has swelled by 100,000 since January 2010. The Economist Intelligence Unit named Vancouver the world's third most-livable city, but North America's most-expensive.

Metro Vancouver housing starts of 8,203 in 2000 reached 20,736 in 2007. After plummeting to 8,339 in 2009, starts recovered to 19,027 in 2012.

The Games had an estimated 1.8 billion viewers worldwide, including many deep-pocketed real estate investors. Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver statistics show the detached property benchmark was $425,540 when the International Olympic Committee chose Vancouver in July 2003 and rose to $800,796 in February 2010. It reached $927,000 in December 2013.

NOT A BUSINESS DRAW

Vancouver, Richmond and Surrey combined with Western Economic Diversification Canada for the $1.54-million Metro Vancouver Commerce hospitality program at Gamestime. They wined, dined and plied 100 businesspeople with Games tickets, hoping to draw investment.

Two months after the Games, MVC boasted eight deals worth $60 million. Four small companies agreed to open Vancouver offices, none of which remains or appears active. A $25-million hydrogen plant project between North Vancouver's H-Tec and Quebec's Air Liquide hasn't happened. Abbotsford's Cascade Aerospace denied a $27 million deal with Lockheed Martin was related to MVC.

MVC's February 2011 update claimed $168.8 million of investments — of which $146.4 million were one-offs. MVC took credit for luring Mission Impossible 4 to shoot in Vancouver and Digital Domain's work on Tron and Thor. Digital Domain spokeswoman Julie Miller said the studio couldn't attribute any of its growth to MVC.

Pixar, the Disney digital animation studio, drew Campbell and Mayor Gregor Robertson to the post-Olympic opening of its Gastown office in April 2010. It closed in October 2013.

WAS IT WORTH IT?

So what became of Campbell's $10 billion Olympic boost?

An October 2011 PwC report commissioned by Ottawa and Victoria estimated the Games increased B.C.'s Gross Domestic Product by $2.3 billion from 2003 to 2010. Hosting the Olympics was among many reasons why B.C.'s debt grew $24 billion over the last decade.

Was the Games' $6 billion-plus price tag money well-spent? In early 2011, B.C.'s then-Auditor General John Doyle chose not to conduct a post-Games audit.

Post-Games: The good, bad and ugly of the venues

The Olympic-triggered, $800-million Sea-to-Sky Highway widening made the drive to Whistler faster and smoother. Vancouver International Airport is only 26 minutes from downtown via the $1.9-billion Canada Line. Vancouver Convention Centre was expanded for $880 million to host major international conventions and it has the 2010 Winter Games cauldron as a decoration.

But with Canada's athletes bound for next month's Sochi Olympics getting a street party send-off Jan. 11 in Banff — not Whistler — and a homecoming parade planned for May in Calgary, the 1988 Games host that remains the national winter sports training base, one has to wonder: What's the Vancouver 2010 winter sport legacy?

BOB MACKIN/FOR METRO IN VANCOUVER

Vancouver Olympic Village: $1.1 B

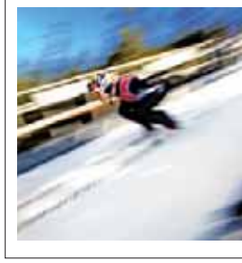
Petitioned to receivership in November 2010, all but 67 of the 1,108 units were sold or rented by November 2013. City of Vancouver is forecasting a $50 million loss, not counting the $171 million developer Millennium was supposed to pay for the land. Dozens of condo owners are going to B.C. Supreme Court April 7 to seek refunds. Canada's Sochi 2014 snowboarding team, including Regina's Mark McMorris and 2010 gold medallist Maelle Ricker of Squamish, was unveiled here on Jan. 3.

Richmond Olympic Oval: $178 M

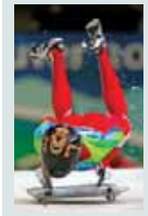
Last June's Tough Mudder obstacle race drew 20,000 participants and spectators to Whistler Olympic Park, the biggest Callaghan Valley event since the Games. The two-week Sea-to-Sky Nordic Festival last March served as national championships for the four nordic disciplines, including women's ski jumping. No alpine skiing or snowboarding world cups have returned to the region. Alex Bilodeau won Canada's first home gold medal on Cypress Mountain's freestyle slope, but the Olympic halfpipe was demolished.

Whistler Olympic Park: $122 M

Site of cross-country skiing, biathlon, nordic combined and ski jumping, it drew 20,000 to last June's Tough Mudder obstacle race. The two-week Sea-to-Sky Nordic Festival last March included national championships for women's ski jumping, which debuts at Sochi 2014 after a failed legal battle before Vancouver 2010.



Whistler Sliding Centre: $119 M



As of November, all but 67 of the 1,108 units at the $1.1 billion Village on False Creek had been sold or rented, three years after it was put into receivership over $740 million owed by developer Millennium. City of Vancouver forecast a $50-million loss, not including the $171 million Millennium was supposed to pay for the prime waterfront land. Sixty-eight condo owners, who allege shoddy workmanship, are suing city hall for refunds. A B.C. Supreme Court trial is scheduled to begin April 7.

Elsewhere

Curling is still played at the $85.45 million Hillcrest Centre, but its post-Olympic configuration includes a hockey rink, swimming pools and a library. Cypress Mountain cost $17.6 million to prep for the Games. Alex Bilodeau won Canada's first home gold on its freestyle skiing slope, but the snowboarding halfpipe was demolished after the Games. Ceremonies venue B.C. Place Stadium, renovated for $514 million after the Games, boasts the B.C. Sports Hall of Fame and its Olympics gallery.

Luge tragedy remains darkest legacy of 2010

Outside Whistler Sliding Centre's office, a plaque on a bench in memory of luger Nodar Kumaritashvili reads: "In his honour, live life fully and pursue excellence in all that you do." The flag of Georgia is draped above.

The 21-year-old, from the country next door to Sochi, reached 144.3 km/h during the fateful Feb. 12, 2010 training run, exceeding the track's designed speed. He was catapulted off his out-of-control sled, into an unpadded pole, and pronounced dead an hour later.

Unlike Polish-born-Brit Kazimierz Kay-Skrzypeski at Innsbruck 1964, Kumaritashvili's crash was broadcast and it was on opening day.

In February 2011, CBC's Fifth Estate revealed a March 2009 email by VANOC CEO John Furlong to senior VANOC executives. Architect Udo Gurgel complained the track was not built to his speed specifications.

"An athlete gets badly injured or worse and I think the case could be made we were warned and did nothing," Furlong wrote.

The B.C. Coroner ruled it an accident. A safety audit by Southern Alberta Institute of Technology recommended international luge and bobsled federations improve track design guidance, a maximum safe velocity, rollover barrier design standards, incident analysis, equipment safety and driver/slider competence.

The men's start was moved down to the women's level the day after the tragedy. A new women's start was built for the 2013 world championships.

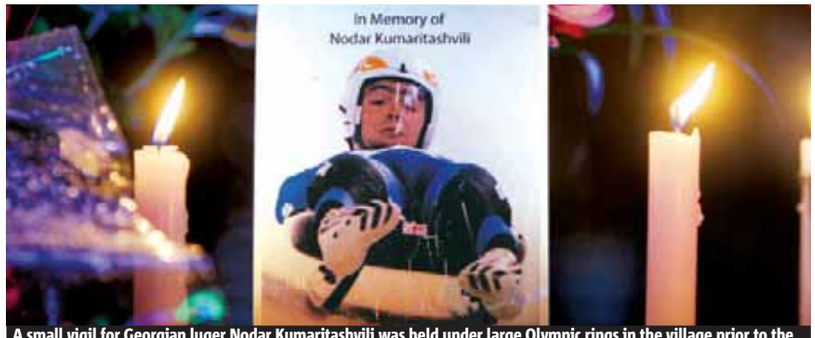
The steep Blackcomb slope and narrow footprint helped make Whistler the world's fastest track, one-fifth the width of Salt Lake's 2002 track. The $119 million sliding centre opened in 2008, more than double the Bid Book budget. Did a nearby run-of-river power plant influence the design?

Correspondence between Fitzsimmons Creek power plant builder Ledcor and the Vancouver 2010 Bid Corporation in 2002 and 2003 indicated the location for the 3.4 km penstock pipe was contentious. Ledcor worried that moving it too close to cliffside would be risky and wanted compensation from VANOC for the added costs. The 2009-installed pipe comes within 10 m of the track. Owner Innergex began operations in January 2010.

SAIT Prof. Alex Zahavich said his audit did not look at "anything relative to the surrounding area." International Luge Federation executive director Svein Romstad was unaware the penstock was a bidera issue. VANOC construction chief Dan Doyle said it was "resolved without much fuss."

"I do not remember having to change the design of the track because of it," said Doyle, now B.C. Premier Christy Clark's chief of staff.

BOB MACKIN/FOR METRO IN VANCOUVER



A small vigil for Georgian luger Nodar Kumaritashvili was held under large Olympic rings in the village prior to the opening ceremonies in Whistler, B.C., on Feb. 12, 2010. BERNARD WEIL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Online

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With opposing hearts

Olympic booster and opponent ponder Vancouver legacy

Ex-Vancouver Canucks owner Arthur Griffiths was Vancouver Whistler Bid Society's leader when it got Canadian Olympic Committee approval in 1998 to seek the 2010 Games. Scientist and author Chris Shaw was Vancouver's best-known Olympic critic. In separate interviews they look back at Vancouver 2010.

Most important legacy?

Griffiths: "The spirit that Vancouver demonstrated... That our fans, the residents and so on just really stepped up to the plate and made this a fun experience for anybody that watched or attended the Games."

Shaw: "The Government of Canada, acting on behalf of the Olympics, made the possibility of civil dissent a subject for surveillance. For me that was the most shocking revelation, that our society is not as free and democratic."

Was it money well spent?

Griffiths: "Without question...Ultimately Vancouver showed that you can host the Olympics by creating venues that have real long term use and take advantage of the venues that are already here."

Shaw: "I don't think so. Comparing it to the Russians, guess we got a bargain! That $6 billion or whatever the real number turned out to be could clearly have been used for many more beneficial things that would have aided society at large."

Advice for Toronto, host of the 2015 Pan American Games.

Griffiths: "They're spread out over such a vast area. It is a huge, huge undertaking, just more athletes than the Winter Games. I hope they will demonstrate to themselves, they will demonstrate to anybody looking, the IOC and FIFA, that there is an opportunity for Toronto ... to host a future Games or some major sporting event. Toronto is more than equipped for it."

Shaw: "Your city is going to change for that period of time and you will not be able to go about your business the same way because it is for the benefit of the people who run the Games... best advice is to do what a lot of people did in Vancouver: Get out of town... Having said that, if you really want to express your view, go out in the streets with a placard and see how far you get with that and express your displeasure to the powers that be." BOB MACKIN/FOR METRO IN VANCOUVER

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N.J. governor apologizes to mayor for his staff's 'stupidity'

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, second left, arrives at Fort Lee, N.J., where he travelled to apologize in person to Mayor Mark Sokolich. Moving quickly to contain a widening political scandal, Christie fired one of his top aides Thursday and apologized repeatedly for the "abject stupidity" of his staff, insisting he had no idea anyone around him had engineered traffic jams to get even with a Democratic mayor. RICHARD DREW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Experts say Wright could be let off hook

Senate expense scandal. RCMP's focus on criminal charges could help PM's former chief of staff avoid legal consequences

Nigel Wright could avoid facing legal consequences for his central role in the Senate expense scandal if the RCMP remains focused strictly on possible criminal offences, parliamentary law experts say.

They believe the surest route for prosecutors against Prime Minister Stephen Harper's former chief of staff is an obscure section of the Parliament of Canada Act.

But so far, the Mounties do not appear to be considering it.

Documents filed in court show the RCMP is intent on proving Wright, along with Sen. Mike Duffy, is guilty of bribery, fraud and breach of trust, as spelled out in the Criminal Code. Wright personally gave Duffy $90,000 so that the senator could pay back disputed living expense claims.

For Rob Walsh, former law clerk for the House of Commons, the Wright-Duffy transaction appears on its face to be a clear violation of Sec. 16 of the Parliament of Canada Act.

Walsh said he believes it would be easier to secure a conviction under the act than under any of the Criminal Code provisions cited thus far by the RCMP. Indeed, he doubts criminal charges could be made to stick in relation to the Wright-Duffy deal.

"The evidentiary burden I think is less (under the act) and, to that extent, it ought to be an easier task to prosecute," Walsh said in an interview. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sec. 16

The act specifies that no senator shall receive "any compensation, directly or indirectly," for services rendered in relation to any bill, contract, controversy, accusation or other matter before the Senate, House or any committee.

- The act further stipulates that it is an "indictable offence" to offer compensation to a senator, punishable by up to one year imprisonment and a fine of $500 to $2,000.

Over $1.7B spent on Cyclone buying plan

More than $1.7 billion has already been spent on the elusive effort to upgrade Canada's helicopter fleet, internal documents show, providing a clue as to why the Harper government is sticking with the troubled program.

In the aftermath of an independent report last fall on the beleaguered plan to buy the CH-148 Cyclone choppers as replacements for Canada's aging Sea King fleet, the government acknowledged it was looking at other aircraft, even going so far as to meet with other manufacturers.

Documents show the money went towards "acquisition progress payments" and "in-service support set-up." The nearly decade-long program has delivered just four test helicopters that National Defence has refused to formally accept.

Cancelling the program was clearly not an option, say critics who accuse the Conservatives of perpetrating a charade with its consultations last fall.

Spending so much money and having virtually nothing to show for it would have caused untold political damage, especially among a frustrated Conservative base still reeling from the ongoing Senate expense scandal.

"It would have been a bigger blow to them, to their base, than the F-35 situation," said NDP defence critic Jack Harris.

"I am certain that politics was part of the calculations." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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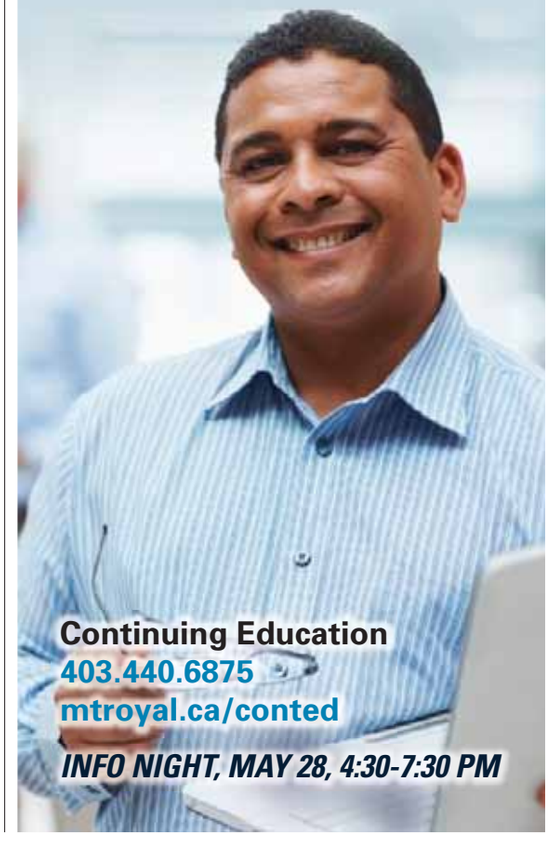
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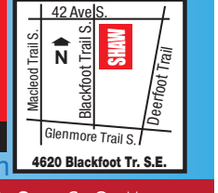

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Cracked wheel at derailment site

Compensation. CN will pay for property damage or expenses incurred as a result of the evacuation

Derailed train cars burn in Plaster Rock, N.B. on Wednesday. A CN freight train carrying crude oil and propane derailed Tuesday night in northwestern New Brunswick. TOM BATEMAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Investigators have found a cracked wheel and broken rail at the scene of a fiery train derailment in northwestern New Brunswick as about 150 people who live near the crash were told Thursday there is still no timeline for when they can return to their homes with the evacuation entering its third day.

Guy Laporte, a senior investigator with the federal Transportation Safety Board, said he has had limited access to the scene of the wreckage because of a fire that has been burning since the train derailed Tuesday night. The CN (TSX:CNR) freight train was carrying crude oil and liquefied petroleum gas when it left the tracks in Wapske.

CN spokesman Jim Feeny said the company believes a wheel and axle failure was the cause of the derailment based on its preliminary investigation, but Laporte said it's premature to determine that.

Officials from CN, the province's Environment Department and the Emergency Measures Organization met with residents affected by the evacuation late Thursday afternoon. Ann Powers said people voiced common concerns at the meeting, asking questions about the environment and drinking water.

"When we can get into our homes and the water?" Powers said following the meeting. "Is the environment and the ground going to be OK when we do get into our homes?"

The province's Health Department said as a precaution, people in the area with private wells should not drink their water until after they have been tested.

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Foggy days ahead in Skopje, Macedonia

A man with a child walks towards the top of Vodno Mountain in Skopje, Macedonia, Thursday. Weather forecasts predict ongoing sunny weather on the mountains with mild temperatures and fog in the lowlands and valleys. BORIS GRDANOSKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canadian women detained in Mexican firebombing await investigation results

A pair of Canadian women arrested following a Mexico City firebomb attack waited behind bars Thursday to learn whether they would face criminal charges or be set free.

Mexican authorities say they apprehended Amelie Pelletier and Fallon Rouiller Poisson earlier this week after a government office in the capital and an adjacent car dealership were struck by Molotov cocktails.

Mexico's federal attorney-general's office told The Canadian Press it viewed the firebombing as vandalism, but the ongoing investigation could lead to more serious criminal charges.

Spokesman Jose Luis Manjarrez says investigators were trying to determine what kind of role the Canadians may have played in an attack that damaged several vehicles at the car dealership. No injuries were reported.

"For now, for the authorities, it is considered an act of vandalism and not a terrorist act," Manjarrez said Thursday in a phone interview.

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Cop's eye view. London police force trying out vest-mounted cameras

London's police force said Thursday it was rolling out vest-mounted video cameras to some of the capital's 2,300 firearms officers, hoping to help build public confidence after a contentious inquest verdict on a fatal shooting.

The announcement came a day after an inquest jury largely vindicated police officers over the fatal shooting of 29-year-old Mark Duggan, whose death triggered rioting across England more than two years ago.

The case, and its contested conclusion, raised familiar questions about whether armed police are too quick to shoot, and whether they can be held accountable if they are.

Speaking late Wednesday, Metropolitan Police Commissioner Bernard Hogan-Howe said the camera experiment was an attempt to improve transparency and restore public trust in the force. It would allow jurors and judges literally to see events from an officer's perspective.

A police spokesman said Thursday that armed officers will begin wearing recording devices April 1. The number of officers set to wear the cameras has yet to be decided. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On trial

Police forces across the world have been experimenting with portable cameras as tools for crime-fighting and accountability.

- Cameras mounted on glasses, helmets, or vests are being trialed or distributed in the U.S.

Big Ben and a police officer at the gates to Westminster palace seen reflected in a puddle in London, Thursday. ALASTAIR GRANT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Grandma? Mom? Woman carrying daughter's child

Baby girl is due in early February. Both mother and daughter say they've bonded over the experience

A 58-year-old U.S. woman is set to give birth in a few weeks — to her first grandchild. Julia Navarro is serving as a gestational surrogate for her daughter and son-in-law after the couple struggled with fertility problems.

Navarro's daughter Lorena McKinnon said she began trying to have a baby with her husband, Micah McKinnon, three years ago. The 32-year-old, from Provo, Utah, said she's had about a dozen miscarriages, with the longest pregnancy lasting 10 weeks.

After several tries, the couple began looking for a surrogate. McKinnon said a friend and sister both considered carrying her baby, but ultimately decided against it.

That's when her mother offered to step in.

Navarro had to undergo hormone shots for three months before an embryo fertilized by her daughter and son-in-law could be implanted. Because of her age, doctors had warned there was only a 45 per cent chance the implantation would be successful. But the procedure was a success, and Navarro said she's had a smooth pregnancy carrying a developing female fetus.

As with other surrogacy arrangements, the couple and Navarro needed three months of counselling.

"The psychologists wanted to make sure we knew what we were getting into, that we were mentally prepared," McKinnon said. "Mostly, surrogacy contracts are with people you don't know. It was weird to have a contract with my mom." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Julia Navarro hugs her daughter Lorena McKinnon in Provo, Utah, in this undated photo. McKinnon has not been able to bring a baby to term so her 58-year-old mother is having the baby for her. They are about eight months into the pregnancy. AL HARTMANN-THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Surrogates

It's unclear how rare it is for a woman to carry her own grandchild, but reports have detailed similar relationships.

- Last year, a 53-year-old Iowa woman gave birth to her twin granddaughters. And in 2012, a 49-year-old woman in Maine gave birth to her grandson.
- According to Utah law, surrogates must be 21 or older, financially stable and must have already given birth once. Couples must be married and are allowed to offer a reasonable payment to a surrogate.
- On average, a couple can spend about $60,000 US on procedures and paying the surrogate

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Cellphone charging shirts get funding

Minister of State for Science and Technology Greg Rickford, left, talks with Amir Servati, a University of British Columbia Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, as he explains a wearable electronic device at the Flexible Electronics and Energy Lab at the university on Thursday. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

E-textiles. Fabrics that can generate clean energy are still in the early stages of development

It's research that gives new meaning to the term power suit: clothing that charges cellphones or monitors the wearer's heart rate or blood pressure.

The development of so-called e-textiles is among 10 research projects at the University of British Columbia that have received $8.5 million in funding from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, announced Thursday by Greg Rickford, the federal minister of state for science and technology.

Electrical and computer engineering associate professor Peyman Servati, who is leading the research, said wearable electronics such as Google Glass are becoming increasingly popular as people become more and more reliant on "smart" gadgets.

Fabrics that can generate clean energy are still in the early stages of development. But Servati expects there will be a high demand and he believes smart clothing could be hitting the stores within five to 10 years.

"You have a solar panel that you only put on your roof, right? But you can easily integrate (the technology) into fabric ... and wear it, and charge your phone or warm things," he said in an interview.

"If you integrate it to form a tent in a remote area, you can make electricity using sunlight instead of having problems with accessibility."

Servati said creating clothing that can generate solar energy involves integrating thin films of electronics into materials called nanofibres to absorb sunlight. He and his team are also figuring out how the fabric can store the energy, perhaps by incorporating a battery.

The challenge is to maintain the electronics' performance while ensuring the garment is as stretchable and comfortable as everyday clothing, he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Innovations

Servati's team is also developing clothing that can monitor and transmit people's vital signs — an innovation that can benefit people with high-risk health conditions, he says.

- **For example, the clothing could monitor tremors in Parkinson's patients**

Rob Ford wonders why Ottawa won't decriminalize pot and 'get revenue'

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford says he questions why the federal government wouldn't decriminalize marijuana.

The mayor was asked about the issue Thursday on a Washington, D.C.-based radio show called "The Sports Junkies," before making some football predictions.

Ford, who has previously said he has smoked "a lot" of marijuana, said decriminalization likely won't happen in Canada as long as the Conservatives are in power.

But he says he has questioned that policy, saying "Why wouldn't they at least decriminalize it and try to get revenue from it?"

Ford also told the radio hosts that he did indeed give his wife money for Christmas — $5,000 to be exact.

The mayor says he took some flak for his comment during his last call to the show that he would give his wife cash for Christmas because "women love money," but she was "really happy" with the present. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Page turner. French Senate tries to give independent bookstores fairy tale ending

A new bill calls for online companies like Amazon to stop free delivery in France. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

If the French Senate gets its way, retail giant Amazon and its online peers won't be able to offer free book deliveries in France anymore.

In an unusual show of unity Thursday, the upper house of parliament unanimously approved a bill that would amend a 33-year-old law regulating book prices, and help struggling independent book sellers, which have faced tough competition from cost-cutting online vendors in the digital age.

Ultimately, if approved, the legislation could weigh on the minds of customers when they decide whether to trek over to mom-and-pop bookshops instead of shopping online.

The bill would allow online vendors like U.S.-based Amazon to cut the regular delivery price by up to five per cent — but not provide free delivery.

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Food heavyweights have slim-down success

Beat resolution. Companies used classic diet methods — portion control and calorie reduction — to pare down calories in products

Some of the largest food companies in the U.S. have cut daily calorie counts by an average of 78 per person, a new study says, more than four times the amount the industry pledged to slash by next year.

The study, sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, found that between 2007 and 2012, the estimated total cut in food product calories from a group of 16 major food companies was in the range of 6.4 trillion.

Seventy-eight calories would be about the same as an average cookie or a medium apple, and the federal government estimates an average daily diet at around 2,000 calories.

The study said the calories cut averaged out to 78 calories per day for the entire U.S. population. The 2010 pledge taken by the companies — including General Mills Inc., Campbell Soup Co. and Kraft Foods Inc. — was to cut one trillion calories by 2012 and 1.5 trillion calories by 2015.

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Can see results

Evidence of the efforts are visible on any grocery store shelves, from 100-calorie packs of popular snacks and smaller cans of sugary drinks.

Those are some svelte-looking soup cans. Some major U.S. food companies successfully reduced calories in recent years. J. DAVID AKE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

$418,282 for a house?

House prices in Canada rose in the last quarter of 2013, according to the latest survey by Royal LePage, which found that the average price of a home in Canada increased between 1.2 per cent and 3.8 per cent in the fourth quarter.

Royal LePage said the average cost of a standard two-storey home rose 3.6 per cent year over year to $418,282, while detached bungalows went up 3.8 per cent to $380,710.

Standard condominiums rose 1.2 per cent in the quarter to an average of $246,530.

The real estate company said prices are expected to maintain a "healthy momentum" this year and rise a projected 3.7 per cent over 2013.

Royal LePage CEO Phil Soper said late 2013 saw the housing market transition to "buoyant sales volumes" and above-average growth.

"Talk of a soft landing for Canada's real estate market in the new year is misguided," said Soper.

"We expect no landing, no slowdown, and no correction in the near-term. Conditions are ripe for as strong a market as we saw in the post-recessionary rebound of the last decade."

Not everyone has agreed with that assessment, with a number of analysts have previously said they expect some cooling in 2014 even if housing demand remains relatively strong across most provinces.

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Green with envy?

While you're stuck in public transit hell Googlers commute via a private ferry

Google workers commuting from San Francisco to the company's Silicon Valley campus can now make part of the trek on an 83-foot, Wi-Fi-equipped catamaran.

The popular search engine has launched a free ferry service from San Francisco's ferry terminal to the Port of Redwood City about 42 kilometres away, where employees can then hop a private bus to work.

Named the "Triumphant," the charter ferry can carry up to 150 passengers and runs twice each morning and evening, according to KPIX-TV. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Revealing breach

Snapchat sorry user info exposed

For the first time since the disappearing-photo app New Year's security breach that exposed the phone numbers of millions of users, Snapchat has apologized in an update.

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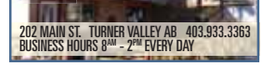
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1 **Hockey Canada.** The team announced their men's roster live on TV and Twitter, and the hashtag #TeamCanada blew up with people chirping on who made the team and who didn't. After all, what's more important than the Olympic Men's Hockey team? Nothing. Biggest question mark: Why didn't Martin St. Louis make the team?

2 **Hatching Twitter.** This excellent new book by Nick Bilton tells the story of how Twitter came to be. It talks about the drama between the founders as the revolutionary social media platform was built and became the biggest thing since... well, Facebook. The book also explains that constant "Fail Whale" that used to plague the site.

3 **Dragons' Den auditions.** The 2014 Audition Tour for the hit show begins Jan. 18 in Toronto before heading coast to coast over the next few months to accept pitches from would-be entrepreneurs. My pitch this year will be a solar vortex line of clothing to combat Canadian weather such as blizzards and ice storms.

4 **Tweet-a-Coffee.** Starbucks Canada announced an e-gifting program, Tweet-a-Coffee, allowing customers to send $5 gift cards through Twitter by going to Starbucks.ca. Customers can redeem it at stores by showing it directly on their mobile device. Great idea. Now when are we going to see Tweet-a-Double-Double from Tim Hortons?

5 **Toronto Raptors.** Ever since they traded their star player Rudy Gay in December, they have done everything but tank. In fact, they have become the talk of the NBA with their young, exciting nucleus of Terrence Ross, Kyle Lowry, Amir Johnson, Jonas Valanciunas and DeMar DeRozan. Playoff team? Slam dunk. This team is for real.

6 **#WeAreWinter.** The Canadian Olympic Committee announced a We Are Winter-marketing campaign including a social media partnership with Twitter to use the hashtag #WeAreWinter. It is meant to denote Canadian Olympians can handle this winter stuff: It's at the heart of our identity. We'll prove it for sure when the Games begin Feb. 7 in Sochi, Russia. Until then, chill out.

7 **Jelly.** Twitter founder Biz Stone launched his startup Jelly, an app that lets you ask questions, push them out to your network and get rapid responses. Jelly puts a heavy emphasis on visuals, encouraging users to post photos and ask questions about what they're seeing. This could become the world's biggest and longest visual Q & A ever.

8 **Juan Pablo.** The new season of The Bachelor debuted this week with 27 suitors for hunky Latino star Juan Pablo, whose name quickly went trending on social media. Thousands of guys are now secretly hoping their partner refers to them as "my Juan Pablo."

9 **SNL.** Mark Jan. 18 on your calendar as Canadian hip-hop star Drake will have double duty that night, being host and musical guest of SNL. That show also marks the debut of the show's new cast member Sasheer Zamata, the first female African-American cast member since Maya Rudolph's departure in 2007. This will be a special night.

10 **The Green Lady.** One of the oddest police releases ever went out this week. Someone stole a six-foot tall, 600-pound green avatar mannequin wearing a $300 black fur coat from the front porch of a fashion store called Tragically Hipp in downtown Lakefield, Ont. She was known as The Green Lady. The Tragically Hip should write a song about her.

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Meanwhile, in Australia ...

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Record heat wave Down Under

Heat-stressed baby flying foxes are lined up ready to feed at the Australia Bat Clinic near the Gold Coast in Queensland, Australia. Bats are dropping from trees, kangaroos are collapsing in the Outback and gardens are turning brown. While North America freezes under record polar temperatures, the southern hemisphere is experiencing the opposite extreme as heat records are set in Australia after the hottest year ever.

Weather forecasters said some parts of the sparsely populated Pilbara region along the rugged northwest coast approached 50 C on Thursday.

The late arrival of the monsoon in northern Australia, which has a cooling effect, is contributing to the searing heat, said the manager of climate monitoring at Australia's Bureau of Meteorology. Global warming also plays a role, he said.

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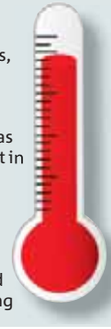

By the numbers

50K

At least 50,000 bats have been killed by the heat in the state's southeast, said Louise Saunders, president of the Queensland animal welfare group Bat Conservation and Rescue. Heat-stressed bats cling to trees and urinate on themselves in a bid to reduce their body temperatures, she said. "As they succumb, they just fall in heaps at the base of trees ... you can have 250 or more. It's like dripping chocolate, all dying at the base of trees."

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TVs boasting screens swollen to silly sizes have stolen the Consumer Electronics Show spotlight this week. But in the end, they're just TVs. Very, very expensive TVs. Nuts to that. We want gadgets! Here are three CES gizmos with crowdsourcing campaigns you can jump into.

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PrioVR:

Many gamers have been lusting for Oculus Rift, a virtual reality gaming system that boasts, among other things, a mortality-teasing guillotine simulator. PrioVR, pretty much a full-body VR Power Glove hosting an array of sensors capable of real-time motion capture, may be destined to turn this nascent VR lust into love. (priovr.com)

Touch Jet:

Sure, a small projector that attaches to your mobile device so you can display your images on a wall is pretty cool. But a device that projects a working touch-screen on a wall? That's some science-fiction that fits snugly in your pocket. The company behind it is planning to launch an Indiegogo campaign in February. (atouchjet.com)

Solar Cool:

We're willing to bet you've audibly wished for a solar-powered beverage cooler on some hot day, even if that probably seems like a distant memory this winter. Well, here it is: capable of holding up to 114 cans, this device promises to capture the heat of the sun and convert it to pleasant, drinkable refreshment. (solarcooltech.com)

Comments

RE: Danish Cinnamon Rolls Too Spicy for EU Rules, published online Wednesday, Jan. 9

EU = ultimate nanny state.
Myworkisdonehere, posted to metronews.ca

I'm glad they still have time for issues like this, we wouldn't want them to solve the financial crisis that has plunged Southern Europe into a depression. There is a theory that says having a large proportion of young men in a society make it more warlike. Perhaps having a large proportion of seniors makes a society cautious to the point of inaction.
BugsBunny, posted to metronews.ca

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Synopsis

The Reel Guys are hardy Canadians, but with the sub-zero weather we've been having lately even the most robust Canuck deserves a snow day. With that in mind, the Reel Guys have put away their long underwear, ear muffs and dignity and decided to stay home. At the risk of earning ridicule from our friends in Saskatchewan and other places where it regularly gets frigid, here are our ideas for movies to take your mind off the deep freeze. Close the drapes, turn up the heat and enjoy...

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Movies to forget the snow. The Reel Guys chat about the films that get them hot

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Richard: Spring Breakers was shot in St. Petersburg, Florida, so expect lots of beach shots, beautiful sunsets and a young cast — featuring Selena Gomez, Vanessa Hudgens, Ashley Benson and Rachel Korine— stripped down to clothing that would cause instant frost bite for those us of living in the Great White North these days. The story of the illegal way they try to make money for spring break plays more like a wild music video than traditional film, but there's no denying the heat that comes off the screen.

Mark: Heat is right! I thought I was going through male menopause watching the movie. Another way to bring some cinematic heat into this cold hard winter is by watching as many surfing movies as possible. There are the documentaries, to be sure, but, wet suits replace bikinis ... not good! I like movies like Blue Crush, Soul Surfer, and my all-time favourite, Point Break, which mixes surfing, bank robbery, and acid cults with Keanu Reeves at the helm. Marvellous!

RC: Surfing movies were never really my thing, but in the goofy Surf's Up there's animated penguins, goofy sidekicks, loads of poop jokes and Zooey Deschanel but it's a cut above the rest. On another note, not since Meatballs has a movie captured the silliness of summer camp. Wet Hot American Summer was shot in a cold Pennsylvania spring — you can even see the actor's breath sometimes — but it's still plenty steamy. The all-star millennial comedy cast features Paul Rudd, Amy Poehler and Bradley Cooper in a Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh story about the last wild day of camp.

MB: Summer camp? I'm with you on the Canadian classic Meatballs, with the great Bill Murray. But there's another counter-intuitive way to go here, Richard. And that is to watch movies that depict a world so hot, you'll be wishing for some refreshing snowflakes. Just put on the great Lawrence of Arabia. You'll want to make a snowman by the second hour. Or Gus Van Sant's Gerry or Antonioni's Zabriskie Point, both of which take place in literal and existential deserts. Dune would probably work too, although I've never met anyone who could watch it all the way through.

RC: Talk about flipping from one extreme to the other. I'll stick with a more moderate climate for my last pick. Under the Tuscan Sun is a hot love story starring Diane Lane set in moderate, but enjoyable temperatures.

MB: A lovely movie. But let's not forget the old standby: The Yule Log, burning brightly on DVD. Not much of a cast, the acting is wooden, but the dialogue crackles!

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Depicting Navy SEAL life a tricky proposition

Lone Survivor. Berg, Wahlberg, faced tough job recreating events where SEALs were killed in action

Marcus Luttrell, the former Navy SEAL whose deadly mission in Afghanistan has been turned into the film Lone Survivor, strides into a hotel room for an interview, trailed by his service dog, Mr. Rigby.

The tall, hulking, goateed Navy Cross recipient greets a journalist with a rock-hard grip, and nods to director Peter Berg and star Mark Wahlberg, who plays him in the film. This is clearly not what he wants to be doing.

Based on Luttrell's best-selling 2007 memoir, Lone Survivor is about a 2005 four-man operation in northeastern Afghanistan's Kunar province, which fell apart when a trio of goat herders stumbled upon the staked-out SEALs.

After releasing the civilians and aborting the mission, the SEALs were quickly ambushed by the Taliban in a firefight that tumbled down a rocky gulch, killed Luttrell's three fellow SEALs, left Luttrell badly injured and, in an attempted rescue, killed 16 more men.

Lone Survivor, which opens like a recruitment video with documentary footage of intense SEAL training, is the latest in a series of films that pays tribute to the U.S. Navy's special forces: In messy, uncertain wars, they're elite practitioners of precision. In the era of the superhero film, the Navy SEALs have inspired filmmakers as the genuine article.

Luttrell would rather not talk about any of it. He went along with Lone Survivor and wrote the book at the urging of his superiors. Compared to the actual events, the movie is no traumatic experience for Luttrell.

"I went through it in real life, so a movie about it isn't going to affect me in any way," says the 38-year-old Texan.

Hollywood and the American military are worlds apart. But Lone Survivor is a uniquely close collaboration, one in which Berg and Wahlberg (both producers) worked under significant pressure from the families of those who died and active-duty SEALs to faithfully render the soldiers' lives, in battle and in brotherhood.

"I was at the screening when there were a hundred moms and dads of dead soldiers," says Berg. "And I was at a screening where there were 500 active members of special operations, including Admiral (William) McRaven. And those are different. Because when those lights come up, those people are going to look you in the eye."

Over the years, SEALs have been played by the likes of Bruce Willis, Steven Seagal and Demi Moore, and become a mainstay in video games (Call of Duty, Metal Gear Solid). But the movies, often in close consultation with the military, have come a long way since 1990's Navy SEALs, with Charlie Sheen.

Act of Valor (2012) was acted out by active-duty SEALs and used live-ammo sequences to portray a fictional covert mission. Kathryn Bigelow's Zero Dark Thirty dramatized the most famous SEAL mission: the raid in Abbottabad that killed Osama bin Laden. The recent docudrama Captain Phillips recreated the rescue of the kidnapped mariner by SEAL snipers, with Tom Hanks' most-moving scene improvised with a real-life Naval officer.

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Emile Hirsch as Danny Dietz in Lone Survivor. CONTRIBUTED

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"When those lights come up, those people are going to look you in the eye."

Director Peter Berg on making Lone Survivor and screening it for the families of deceased Navy SEALs

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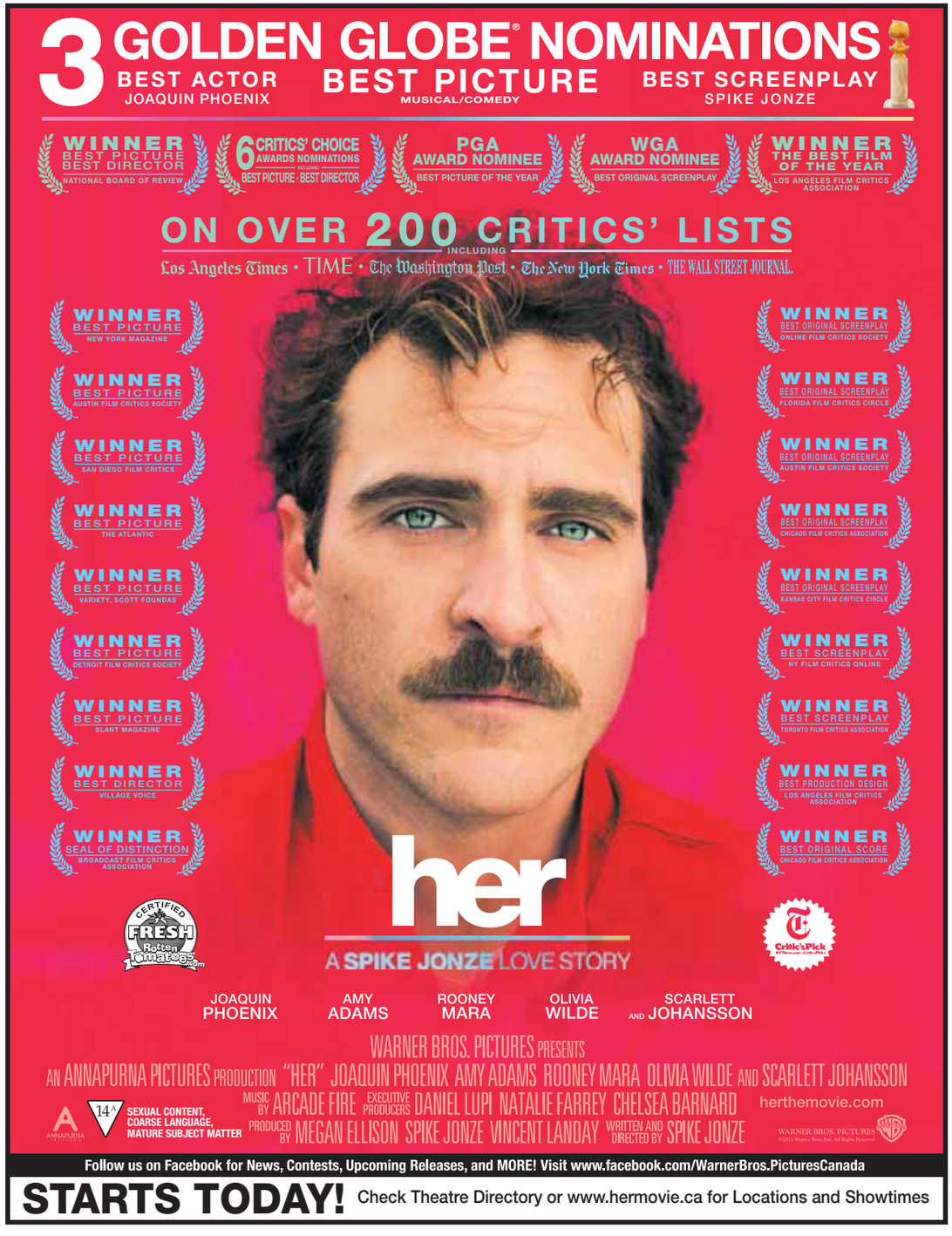
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Cube and Hart buddy up in new comedy

Ride Along. Actors talk about trying to make a movie in the spirit of 48 Hours

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It takes a certain amount of confidence and bravado to wade into the buddy-cop genre with a brand new entry, and luckily no one's ever accused Ice Cube and Kevin Hart of lacking confidence. Here's what they had to say about what it took to pull off their new comedy, Ride Along.

Ice Cube on how to approach a "buddy-cop" movie:
The goal for Ride Along was to "be true to the characters and the script, but also try to find a niche that makes us unique. People have seen buddy comedies since movies began, even before that probably. There are some great ones, and they're great for a reason: because they make their own niche and their own mark on the genre. That's what we wanted to do. We want it to be 48 Hours for this new generation who don't know who the hell Nick Nolte is.

Kevin Hart on being careful to not make his character too annoying:
You have to have someone there who can dial you back, and Cube coming in as an actor, a producer, a guy who was really in front of and behind the scenes on this film, he wasn't shy with collaboration and suggestions. When you're protected and everybody knows to pull you back when you're going too far, it just helps for not only a great rapport but for building trust.

Ice Cube on how annoying Kevin Hart actually is:
Kevin is not annoying at all just as himself, but he plays that mosquito very well. He knows how to go there and make it feel honest and true, and that's cool because if you don't stay in your lane on these movies, they can kind of cancel each other out. I'm not trying to be funny and he's not trying to say, 'OK, here's my scene where I can be Dirty Harry.' I trust that he's going to come up with the funny lines, he's going to have the funny ad-libs. And he trusts me to sustain the setup and try to milk it as long as we can before it falls apart.

Kevin Hart and Ice Cube star in Ride Along, which opens next Friday. CONTRIBUTED

Ice Cube on having an "I guess it was a good day" reference worked into the film:
Tim Story or the writers (thought of that). For some reason, in most of my movies I'm saying something that has to do with a record I've done. In Torque, I drove right by the police and they were like, 'Say f— the police right as you drive by.' I just did some stuff with 22 Jump Street where they wanted me to say one of my lines. It's cool. I don't mind. Only if it works for what we're doing, if it adds up to a wink-wink to the audience."

Kevin Hart on the joys of filming in Atlanta:
I loved Atlanta. I can't say why I had a good time because I don't want this to come out misconstrued. But I love Atlanta for a lot of reasons. I'm in a relationship and I love my lady. I just want to… clear that up. (laughs) I'll leave it there.

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Lone Survivor

Director. Peter Berg

Stars. Mark Wahlberg, Taylor Kitsch

Lone Survivor is further proof that war is hell. Based on a failed real-life SEAL Team 10's Afghanistan mission to locate and eliminate a Taliban leader — the movie's title is a spoiler. The operation goes wrong almost as soon as the team — Marcus (Mark Wahlberg), Michael (Taylor Kitsch), Danny (Emile Hirsch) and Matthew (Ben Foster) — touch ground in the Kush Mountains. Not since Saving Private Ryan has a battle scene been so effectively rendered but it isn't a propaganda film: it's a stark reminder of the camaraderie of soldiers. **RICHARD CROUSE**

Drama/Comedy

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Director. Spike Jonze

Stars. Joaquin Phoenix

Writer-director Spike Jonze's latest oddball offering is an emotionally sophisticated, Sci-Fi tinted love story hiding in an absurdist fantasy skin. In it, Joaquin Phoenix plays a professional letter writer who falls madly in love with his sentient, sensual operating system (voiced gloriously by Scarlett Johansson) with surprising, surreal results. Her is like a mad amalgam of Ray Bradbury's I Sing The Body Electric smashed up against Demon Seed anchored by sly satire and an unforgettable, career best turn by Phoenix. **CHRIS ALEXANDER**

Comedy/Drama

August: Osage County

Director. John Wells

Stars. Meryl Streep, Julia Roberts, Benedict Cumberbatch

Fans of dysfunctional family dramas, you've hit the jackpot. In this adaptation of playwright Tracy Letts's August: Osage County, a patriarch's mysterious disappearance prompts a star-studded family reunion that will make your wacky relatives look saintly. The highly anticipated on-screen union of Streep and Roberts doesn't disappoint, but it's understated, touching performances by Cumberbatch, Margo Martindale and Juliette Lewis that give August its gravitas. **MANORI RAVINDRAN**

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About Time (14A) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:40-6:45-9:40
The Book Thief (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:55-6:55-9:40
Captain Phillips (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4-6:50-9:30
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2 (G) Fri-Thu 1-3:30-7:25
Delivery Man (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-3:45-7:30-10:05
Ender's Game (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-7-9:45
Free Birds (G) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:30
Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa (14A) Fri-Thu 7:35-10
Last Vegas (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:35-7:10-9:50
Lee Daniels' The Butler (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:05-8
Oldboy (18A) Fri-Thu 10
Thor: The Dark World (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-6:55-9:55

Crowfoot Crossing
91 Crowfoot Terrace

47 Ronin 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 9:40 Mon-Thu 9:45
An Affair to Remember (STC) Sun 12:55 Wed 7:35
American Hustle (14A) Fri 1:05-4-6:55-10 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:55-6:50-10 Mon-Thu 1:05-4-6:55-9:50
Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues (14A) Fri 1:55-4:40-7:35-10:30 Sat 11-1:45-4:50-7:35-10:30 Sun 1:45-4:50-7:35-10:30 Mon-Thu 1:55-4:40-7:35-10:20
Frozen (G) Fri 2 Sat-Sun 12 Mon-Thu 1:50
Frozen 3D (G) Fri 5:10-7:45-10:20 Sat-Sun 2:35-5:10-7:45-10:20 Mon-Wed 4:30-7:05-9:40 Thu 4:30-7:05
Her (14A) Fri 1:20-4:15-7:15-10:15 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15 Mon-Tue 1:20-4:15-7:20-10:10 Wed 4:15-7:20-10:10 Thu 1:20-4:15-7:20-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1:30
The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (PG) Fri 1:35 Sat-Sun 12 Mon-Thu 1:35
The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug 3D (PG) Fri 6:25-9:50 Sat-Sun 3:20-6:45-10:05 Mon-Thu 5:15-8:40
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG) Fri 12:55-3:55-7-10:05 Sat-Sun 12:15-3:25-6:35-9:45 Mon-Thu 2-5:10-8:20
Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit (STC) No Passes Thu 9:40
Lone Survivor (14A) Fri 1:40-4:25-7:30-10:25 Sat-Sun 1:25-4:25-7:30-10:25 Mon-Thu 1:40-4:25-7:15-10:05
Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones (14A) Fri 1:30-3:40-5:50-8-10:10 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:05-5:25-8-10:10 Mon-Thu 1:30-3:40-5:50-8:05-10:15
Puss in Boots (G) Sat 11
Saving Mr. Banks (PG) Fri 1:15-4:10-7:05-9:55 Sat-Sun 1-4:05-7:05-9:55 Mon-Thu 1:15-4:05-7-9:55
The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (PG) Fri 2:10-4:55-7:55-10:35 Sat 12:05-2:40-5:20-7:55-10:35 Sun 5:20-7:55-10:35 Mon-Tue 2:15-4:55-7:40-10:20 Wed 4:55-10:20 Thu 2:15-4:55-7:40-10:20
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Walking With Dinosaurs (PG) Fri 2:20 Sat-Sun 12:30 Mon-Thu 2:30
Walking With Dinosaurs 3D (PG) Fri 5-7:20 Sat-Sun 2:50-5:05-7:20 Mon-Thu 5-7:30
The Wolf of Wall Street (18A) Fri 1-4:45-8:30 Sat-Sun 12:20-4:35-8:30 Mon-Thu 1-4:45-8:30

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American Hustle (14A) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:55 Mon-Thu 5:30-8:30
August: Osage County (14A) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:30-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 5:50-8:40
Dallas Buyers Club (18A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4-6:40-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:40-8:20
The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:30-8:10 Mon-Thu 8:10
Inside Llewyn Davis (14A) Fri-Sun 1-3:40-6:30-9:20 Mon-Thu 5:20-8
The Wolf of Wall Street (18A) Fri-Sun 12:30-4:15-8:30 Mon-Thu 7:45

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Frozen (G) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Wed 3:25-9:25 SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 3:25
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Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit — The IMAX Experience (STC) Thu 9
Lone Survivor (14A) No Passes, SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:45-3:50-7:20-10:10
Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom (PG) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 6-9:35
Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones (14A) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:30-4:15-7:30-9:50 SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:15-7:30-9:50
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Ride Along (PG) Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Thu 9:50
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Frozen (G) Digital Presentation, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 4:15
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Devil's Due (14A) No Passes Thu 10
Evangelion: 3.0 You Can (Not) Redo (14A) Sat 12:55 Thu 7:30
Frozen (G) Fri-Sun 12-2:40 Mon-Thu 1
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Grudge Match (14A) Fri-Sun 10:45 Mon-Wed 10:10
Her (14A) Fri-Sat 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:35 Sun 1-4:30-7:30-10:35 Mon 1:30-4:30-10:35 Tue 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:35 Wed 1-4-7:15-10:35 Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:35
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V for Vendetta (14A) Mon 7:30
Walking With Dinosaurs (PG) Fri-Sun 1:15 Mon-Thu 1:25
Walking With Dinosaurs 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 3:35-5:55-8:25 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:05
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12 Years a Slave (14A) Fri 7-9:30 Sat 4:45-7:05 Sun 5-7:30 Mon-Thu 7

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SOUND CHECK
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I tried to keep things serious this week but everything went off the rails rather quickly. It must be the cold.

Blue Eyed Hexe/ The Pixies

The Pixies start 2014 with a new four-track release entitled EP-2, which includes plenty of cowbell à la '89's U-Mass. Fan will approve.

Tiger Train/ Liam Lynch

I have no idea what's going on in this jokester's latest video, but I couldn't look away. It now inhabits my dreams.

Pop, Lock & Drop It/Animatronic Bear Band

Yes, I mean one of those cutesy robot bands you see at places like Chuck E. Cheese. Some guy bought one and then programmed it to perform Huey's 2009 crunk track. Surreal.

OutKast reunites for music festival

Coachella. Hip-hop duo to return to the stage after half-decade hiatus

Antwan "Big Boi" Patton, left, and Andre "Andre 3000" Benjamin of Outkast appear onstage during MTV's Total Request Live at the MTV Times Square Studios in New York City in this 2006 file photo. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Rap duo OutKast will headline the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival in April, ending a half-decade hiatus for one of hip-hop's most popular and important acts.

OutKast joins Arcade Fire and Muse as headliners for the festival that plays over two weekends in Indio, Calif.

Other acts scheduled include Pharrell Williams, Beck, Queens of the Stone Age and Lorde. The reunited The Replacements also will appear.

Andre "Andre 3000" Benjamin and Antwan "Big Boi" Patton came out of Atlanta with a unique sound two decades ago and became one of rap's top-selling and most-lauded acts, winning the Grammy Award for album of the year for double album Speakerboxxx/The Love Below.

They have not released an album as OutKast since 2006's Idlewild, a soundtrack.

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True Detective delves into dark places

New HBO series.
Real drama comes from conflict between two protagonists, played by Hollywood vets McConaughey and Harrelson

Premiere

True Detective premieres Sunday at 9 p.m. EST on HBO.

A number of things set True Detective apart.

For starters, this new HBO drama series stars Matthew McConaughey and Woody Harrelson, a pair of actors known not for TV but for features (Harrelson's Cheers run ended 21 years ago).

And they tackle, in effect, not one but two roles apiece: Former Louisiana State Police detectives interrogated in 2012 about a homicide case we see them working, in flashback, in 1995.

The series was written in its entirety by its creator, Nic Pizzolatto, a novelist whose only prior TV credit was a brief turn on AMC's The Killing.

One other thing distinguishes True Detective. Not only does the writing draw upon a singular vision, but so does its fulfilment: The entire eight-episode season was stewarded by just one director.

Such a solo act is virtually unprecedented for a TV drama series. But it made sense for True Detective, says Cary Joji Fukunaga, who landed the job.

"When you have one person guiding the vision all the way through and gaining the trust of the actors, the chain isn't broken from one episode to another," he says. "It all just flows."

Fukunaga, 36, made the 2011 film Jane Eyre, and wrote as well as directed Sin Nombre, which won the 2009 directing prize at the Sundance Film Festival.

The tale stems from a ritualistic murder of a woman found nude, mutilated and crowned with deer antlers in the middle of nowhere in 1995. This ghoulish crime, the handiwork of a serial killer, is eventually solved by Detectives Rust Cohle (McConaughey) and Martin Hart (Harrelson).

Or was it? Pressed by investigators in 2012, the two former partners are forced to relive the case, as well as their stormy relationship, amid growing doubt that the right man was charged.

"But the murder mystery is the least part of the story," says Fukunaga. "To me, what really mattered was these two guys and their journey. The murder case is a foil, a genre-based hook, to get to know them."

The real drama, he says, issues from the conflict both these men have "reconciling who they should be with who they are really are. Some men explore it, while some men prefer to repress it."

The show is a "multi-layered police procedural whose truest investigation is into the nature of its two protagonists," says Pizzolatto. "Its best moments come from those men just speaking straight into the camera, or riding in a car together, or when one of them comes to eat dinner at the other's house."

Matthew McConaughey, left, and Woody Harrelson in the HBO series True Detective. MICHELE K. SHORT/HBO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Such illuminating interludes distinguish True Detective, which, if it wins a second season, will focus on new characters in a different setting but stick to its original format where, as in Season 1, "characters are delivering their versions of the truth juxtaposed with the actual happenings," says Pizzolatto, "revealing the discrepancies between the two: The image won't lie, but the person narrating it might lie." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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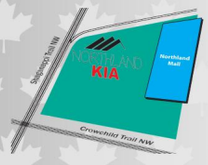

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Video game review

Name: Dead Rising 3

For Xbox One

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Rockabilly car mechanic Nick Ramos' solution to the zombie apocalypse is to grab household objects and vehicles and combine them to make ridiculously awesome weapons. With a mix of chainsaws, parasols and motorcycle engines he can build mechanical gloves, talking battle axes and a dragon suit that lets him "fly" through the undead. But some serious glitches and counter-intuitive controls means you're often fighting the game's technical ambitions instead of zombie hordes. **KRIS ABEL**

Best new reads for a new year

Book club picks.
10 newly released or upcoming books that you'll be itching to discuss with friends over a glass of wine

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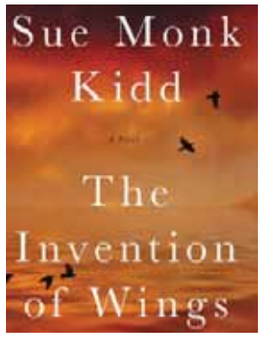
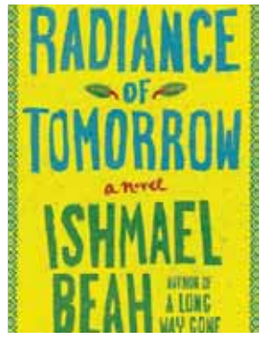
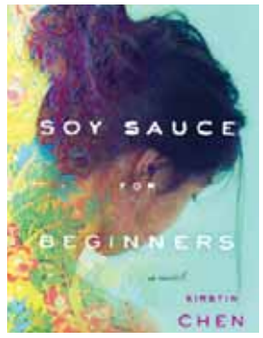


The quintessential book club pick
The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd
Oprah-endorsed, Kidd's new book is just as poignant as Secret Life of Bees. Alternating chapters between a reluctant female slave owner and her slave, The Invention of Wings captures the complexity of black-white friendships during the 1800s and how difficult it was to be a woman of any race.

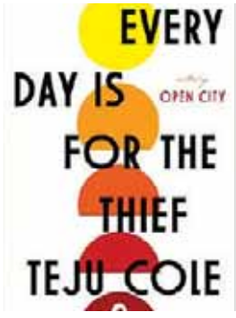


The book that will change your life
Radiance of Tomorrow by Ishmael Beah
Former child soldier Beah has written another heart-string-tugging book, out now. Unlike his memoir A Long Way Gone, his new book is a novel, but has the similar backdrop of devastation in Sierra Leone, following two former child soldiers who go back after the war.

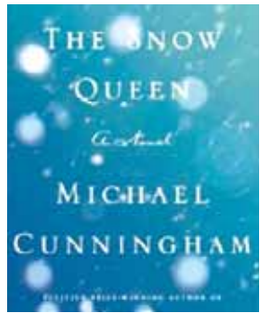


The coming of age story
Soy Sauce for Beginners by Kirstin Chen
Virtually everyone will be able to relate to the protagonist in this new novel who does her best to pave her own path instead of doing what her family expects, which in this case is joining their soy sauce business. But after her marriage falls apart, she finds herself back home in Singapore doing exactly that.

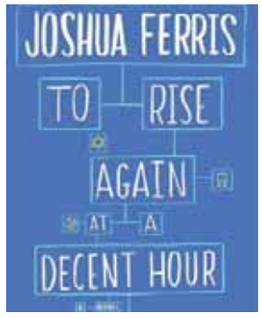
The global awareness read
Thirty Girls by Susan Minot
Out next month, Minot's gripping novel weaves together the stories of a Ugandan teen abducted by the Lord's Resistance Army and an American journalist covering the war.



The YA pick
Side Effects May Vary by Julie Murphy
This book is kind of like John Green's The Fault in Our Stars, only more uplifting. Due out in March, the book features a 16-year-old diagnosed with leukemia, with slim chances of survival. She makes a bucket list of all the wrongs in her life she wants to set right before she dies. Then she goes into remission and must make good on her commitment. And don't worry, there's a romance too.



The impressive read
Everyday Is for the Thief by Teju Cole
What started as a travel blog turned out to be Cole's next book (out in March). He returns to the open-air marketplace of Lagos, Nigeria, where lying and tricking others is the only way to live. Capturing the complexity of both loving and hating where you're from, everyone will be talking about this book in 2014.



The social commentary
To Rise Again at a Recent Hour by Joshua Ferris
If you loved Dave Eggers' The Circle, you'll devour Joshua Ferris' newest, out in May. The novel is about a guy named Paul who gets impersonated online. But as Paul follows the fakery on Facebook and Twitter, he starts thinking this Paul is better than the real thing.

The political read
Hillary Clinton's memoir
It doesn't even have a title yet, but everyone is already talking about the memoir Clinton is releasing in June. The maybe 2016 presidential candidate will reveal personal and political stories about her years as the secretary of state. Debate her foreign policy with your political junkie friends.

The feminist read
Not That Kind of Girl by Lena Dunham
Dunham reportedly received $3.7 million US for her advice book, due out in October, so let's hope she's doling out golden gems of wisdom. Chapter topics you can expect to discuss over wine are virginity, eating and good old self-respect.

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The Word

Humanitarian award has Hudson fighting back the tears

Jennifer Hudson held back tears when she accepted the favourite humanitarian award at the 2014 People's Choice Awards on Wednesday night.

Accompanied on stage by her sister Julia Hudson, the Oscar-winning actress became choked up as she said: "My mother always taught us without family you have nothing. Whether you know it or not, we all are family. What happens to the other happens to us. It's one thing to be a celebrity and have power, but it means nothing if we're not making a difference and helping someone else."

Actress-singer Jennifer Hudson, right, and sister Julia Hudson. GETTY IMAGES

Hudson created the Chicago-based Julian D. King Gift Foundation with her sister, Julia Hudson, in honour of her nephew, Julian King, who was murdered in 2008 at the age of seven. The crime also took the lives of the Hudsons' mother and brother.

The foundation aims to provide stability and positive experiences for children. Hudson was presented with the award by LL Cool J. "It feels good to see positivity acknowledged," she said. "Where we come from all you hear about is who shot who and who went to jail. There is more to life than the block you live on. We want to show them that I came from the same area and if I can do it, you can do it too. It does not stop there."

Hudson's speech was the only thing to strike a strong emotional chord during the ceremony. Bestowing the humanitarian award remains a gripping moment in a show primarily packed with light-hearted banter.

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Osbourne's engagement off after 'amicable' split

Kelly Osbourne GETTY IMAGES

The wedding's off for Kelly Osbourne, who just announced that she's split from fiancé Matthew Mosshart just months after announcing their engagement.

"Kelly Osbourne and Matthew Mosshart have decided to end their engagement," her rep tells People magazine. "The split is amicable and the pair continue to have nothing but the utmost respect for one another. Kelly is looking forward to a new year full of fresh beginnings. No further comment will be provided." The pair met in 2011 at Kate Moss' wedding.

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Wine appreciation on a budget doesn't mean you have to scrimp on quality. In fact, the majority of wines between $10 and $12 dollars are solidly constructed and pleasantly consistent vintage to vintage.

Sure, while you'll give up nuance and complexity the cheaper you drink, most over deliver at their modest price points.

The best advice is to look for blended wines — those made from more than one grape variety — from warmer climates. Combining the juice of different berries can elevate the personality a simple wine (with each berry supporting the overall union) and reliable weather conditions assist in creating a standardized flavour profile.

Hardys' 2012 Stamp Series Riesling Gewurztraminer ($9.95 - $10.99) is a good example of my philosophy and its soft, floral aromas and off-dry, tropical-meets-citrus palate gives it food pairing versatility. Start with pork roast or Asian cuisine. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Where the American South and China meet

Dessert. Coconut-Orange Ambrosia

During Chinese New Year, displaying and eating tangerines and oranges is said to bring wealth and luck. Sounds like a fine start to the new year!

It doesn't hurt that oranges are hitting their prime about now. A great way to use up oranges is to make ambrosia, a lightly sweet treat that originates in the American South.

The two main ingredients are oranges and coconut, both welcome on any Chinese table. So celebrating Chinese New Year with this classic dish seems about right.

1. Use a paring knife to cut off the tops and bottoms of each orange. One at a time, stand each orange on a cut side and slice off the peel on all sides.

2. One at a time, hold the peeled oranges in a cupped hand over a bowl to catch the juices. Use the paring knife to cut out the orange segments from between the membranes.

Ingredients

- 8 to 10 large navel oranges
- 2 oz (4 tbsp) orange liqueur
- 2 tsp superfine sugar
- Pinch of salt
- Flesh from 1 fresh coconut, grated
- 1 sprig fresh mint
- Whipped cream

Add the segments to the bowl. When all of the segments have been removed from each orange, squeeze the membranes over the bowl to get as much juice as possible.

3. Sprinkle the oranges with the orange liqueur, sugar and salt. Toss gently. Divide between 4 serving bowls. Top with the fresh coconut, a few fresh mint leaves and whipped cream. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ELIZABETH KARMEL, AUTHOR OF SOAKED, SLATHERED AND SEASONED.**

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Pulse Studios

Pulse Dance Studios starts their new class schedule this week. If you are looking for a fun way to exercise, then you should look at the classes being offered here. Taught by some of Canada's top urban and hip-hop dancers, you will learn the moves that are incorporated into breaking, popping, locking and voguing. You'll get your heart rate up while listening to some great music. Why don't you and your workout buddies give dodgeball a break and try something new for 2014? pulsestudios.ca.

Seeds

Starting on Jan. 15, you can see the performance called Seeds at the Grand Theatre. Montreal theatre company Porte Parole works in the niche of bilingual theatre and their latest play explores the issues of what we eat and the dark side of corporations. This play retells the story of the court trial of Monsanto v. Percy Schmeiser. This all came about after Monsanto accused the farmer of using their patented canola seeds without paying licensing fees. theatrejunction.com or 403-205-2922.

YYC development

On Jan.15, you can attend the Soul of the City event that's being organized by Calgary Economic Development. In this 9th installation, Mayor Nenshi will be leading a discussion on the issue of diversify in the workplace with a focus on finding solutions to attract skilled workers in a time of labour shortages. You'll have the chance to hear from several other keynote speakers who are subject matter experts on diversity, culture and career development. This event will take place at Bow Valley College. For more information you can call: 403-221-7830.

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Sunshine Wednesdays

New to Sunshine Mountain are Sunshine Wednesdays, which have been set up with the social skier and rider in mind. This six-week program includes transportation from Calgary to the mountain along with two hours of lessons with the hill's top instructors. This is a great way to meet other outdoor enthusiasts. While you're at the mountain, you can also check out the new offerings at the Java Lift Café. 1-87-SKI-BANFF.

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Blues feed Flames another doughnut

NHL. Calgary suffers its fifth shutout in its last seven games

T.J. Brodie and goalie Karri Ramo of the Flames fight for a loose puck against the Blues' T.J. Oshie at the Scotiabank Saddledome on Thursday night. DEREK LEUNG/GETTY IMAGES

Jaroslav Halak made 33 saves and St. Louis got goals from five different players as the Blues remained red-hot with a 5-0 victory over the slumping Calgary Flames.

In a meeting between teams streaking in opposite directions, both trends continued. St. Louis has won seven in a row since losing in a shootout to the Flames on Dec. 23. Calgary has lost six of seven since that same point. It's also the fifth time in seven games the Flames have been shut out.

The Blues got first-period goals from Chris Stewart and Vladimir Sobotka and that would turn out to be more than enough offence for Halak, who improved to 18-6-3.

Halak hadn't played since getting pulled after the first period on Dec. 28 after getting beaten three times on 13 shots. In these last five games Halak hasn't played, he's been battling illness.

Recently named to the Slovakian Olympic hockey team, Halak made an opening-minute stop on a Paul Byron breakaway and never looked back. In one of the Flames' best chances, Jiri Hudler rang a shot off the goalpost in the second period. Halak has three shutouts this season and 28 in his career.

Ian Cole, Alex Pietrangelo and Vladimir Tarasenko also scored for St. Louis (31-7-5). The Blues pulled even in points with Chicago atop the Central Division. The Blues have three games in hand.

Calgary (15-23-6) has lost five home games in a row in regulation for the first time since March 7-31, 2000.

Goal scoring has been the issue for the Flames of late. They've scored just once at the Scotiabank Saddledome during those five losses — that came from rookie Sean Monahan on New Year's Eve. Overall, Calgary has been shut out in five of the last seven games and in six of its last 11. Four of its five goals since Christmas came in one game — a 4-3 victory in Colorado on Monday.

Perhaps surprisingly, as the second period ended, there was no booing from the Scotiabank Saddledome crowd, who seemed to show indifference instead. Despite many rows of empty seats in the upper levels, the crowd was announced as a sellout of 19,289.

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On Thursday

Blues	Flames
5	0

CFL

Stampeders sign ex-top rookie

The Calgary Stampeders are giving running back Martell Mallett a chance to resurrect his CFL career.

The Stampeders signed the former top rookie Thursday. Mallett missed the entire 2012 season with a torn Achilles tendon before being released by the Hamilton Tiger-Cats last May.

Mallett was the CFL's top rookie in 2009 while with the B.C. Lions. He ran for 1,240 yards and six TDs that season while adding 43 catches for 342 yards and two touchdowns.

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NFL

Gruden hired to revamp Redskins

Jay Gruden says he doesn't care about the Washington Redskins' tumultuous past, and he has built a "genuine" trust with franchise player Robert Griffin III.

The former Bengals offensive co-ordinator was introduced Thursday as coach of the Redskins. He signed a five-year deal Wednesday as the successor to Mike Shanahan, who was fired last week after a 3-13 season.

"All they want to do is win, and they're going to provide me with every avenue to win," Gruden said.

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New Redskins coach Jay Gruden
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Chan the big dog going into Olympics

In rare form. 23-year-old looking for seventh straight Canadian senior title; among skaters to beat in Sochi

Patrick Chan practises on Thursday in Ottawa. THE CANADIAN PRESSCREDIT}}

Patrick Chan said he was like a "puppy in puppy daycare" at the Vancouver Olympics four years ago, a wide-eyed teenager at his first party, where everyone was cool and everything was free.

"It was so exciting, like 'Oh my god, there are so many cool things. Cool clothes. And the gym's right here.' Everything is available to you," Chan said Thursday, the eve of the Skate Canada national championships in Ottawa.

Chan turned 23 on New Year's Eve, but he's a veteran on a completely different comfort level from the "deer in the headlights" who finished fifth in Vancouver. A move to Detroit last spring that meant a split with his mom Karen — they'd been living together in Colorado Springs — hastened the maturing process.

"Now it will be more normal (in Sochi) because I live on my own," Chan said. "I had the chance to have that excitement living on my own and going to the grocery store, and be like 'I want Oreo cookies today,' or 'I want ice cream.'

"I'm in complete control of what I want, so going to the Olympics will be more of a comfortable feeling as opposed to summer camp kind of feel."

Chan, who will take aim at his seventh straight Canadian senior title this week, has become the skater to beat at Sochi since winning three consecutive world crowns. At the Trophee Bompard Grand Prix in November, he ran away with gold, smashing the world records in the short and long program, and for overall score, finishing 31 points ahead of closest pursuer Yuzuru Hanyu of Japan. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

"(Patrick Chan) is going to need to be focused because the competition is getting close to him now."

Three-time world champion Elvis Stojko, on the men's figure-skating field at Sochi.

Knicks hot vs. Heat at least

Knicks guard Tim Hardaway Jr. dunks over the Heat's Ray Allen on Thursday night in New York. Carmelo Anthony scored 29 points, Andrea Bargnani had 19, and the Knicks beat Miami 102-92 for their season-high third straight victory. ELSA/GETTY IMAGES

NHL

Wild trajectory continues upward

Justin Fontaine scored three goals, Niklas Backstrom stopped 39 shots and the Minnesota Wild won their fourth straight game by beating the Phoenix Coyotes 4-1 on Thursday night.

Fontaine scored late in the first period, gave the Wild a two-goal lead on a power play in the third and closed out his first career hat trick with an empty-net goal.

Kyle Brodziak had a goal and an assist, Matt Cook had two assists and Backstrom won his third straight start after allowing 17 goals the previous four.

Mikkel Boedker scored for the Coyotes, who have lost three of four.

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Coyotes goalie Mike Smith
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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Boston	43	28	13	2	126	94	58
Tampa Bay	44	26	14	4	126	106	56
Montreal	45	25	15	5	115	106	55
Detroit	43	19	14	10	114	121	48
Toronto	45	21	19	5	123	138	47
Ottawa	45	19	18	8	129	145	46
Florida	44	17	21	6	104	137	40
Buffalo	43	12	26	5	75	120	29

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	45	32	12	1	147	107	65
Philadelphia	44	23	17	4	117	119	50
Washington	43	21	16	6	132	131	48
Carolina	44	19	16	9	111	125	47
NY Rangers	45	22	20	3	111	121	47
New Jersey	45	18	18	9	104	113	45
Columbus	43	19	20	4	117	126	42
NY Islanders	45	16	22	7	124	149	39

Thursday's results
Anaheim 4 Nashville 3
Carolina 6 Toronto 1
Florida 2 Buffalo 1 (SO)
New Jersey 1 Dallas 0
Minnesota 4 Phoenix 1
St. Louis 5 Calgary 0
Washington 4 Tampa Bay 3
Boston at Los Angeles
Detroit at San Jose
Wednesday's results
Colorado 4 Ottawa 3 (OT)
N.Y. Rangers 3 Chicago 2
Philadelphia 3 Montreal 1
Friday's games — All Times Eastern
Dallas at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Washington, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Columbus, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Edmonton, 10 p.m.
St. Louis at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
St. Louis	43	31	7	5	160	97	67
Chicago	46	29	8	9	169	127	67
Colorado	43	27	12	4	127	111	58
Minnesota	46	24	17	5	112	115	53
Dallas	43	20	16	7	123	132	47
Nashville	45	19	20	6	108	135	44
Winnipeg	46	19	22	5	125	139	43

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	46	33	8	5	155	116	71
San Jose	44	27	11	6	144	114	60
Los Angeles	44	26	13	5	114	91	57
Vancouver	45	23	13	9	121	113	55
Phoenix	43	21	13	9	130	131	51
Calgary	44	15	23	6	100	142	36
Edmonton	46	14	27	5	119	161	33

Note: Two points awarded for a win, one point for an overtime or shootout loss.

Saturday's games
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
Florida at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Anaheim at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Calgary, 10 p.m.
Detroit at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Boston at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's games
Buffalo at Washington, 3 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Dallas, 6 p.m.
New Jersey at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Anaheim, 8 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pt
Crosby, Pgh	24	41	65
Kane, Chi	23	31	54
Tavares, NYI	20	34	54
Getzlaf, Ana	20	29	49
Kunitz, Pgh	23	25	48
Thornton, SJ	5	43	48
Sharp, Chi	25	22	47

Not including last night's games

NFL PLAYOFFS

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

Saturday's games — All Times Eastern
NFC — New Orleans at Seattle, 4:35 p.m.
AFC — Indianapolis at New England, 8:15 p.m.
Sunday's games
NFC — San Francisco at Carolina, 1:05 p.m.
AFC — San Diego at Denver, 4:40 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Indiana	28	7	.800	—
d-Miami	27	9	.750	1½
Atlanta	19	17	.528	9½
d-Toronto	17	17	.500	10½
Washington	16	17	.485	11
Chicago	15	18	.455	12
Charlotte	15	21	.417	13½
Brooklyn	14	21	.400	14
Detroit	14	22	.389	14½
New York	13	22	.371	15
Boston	13	23	.361	15½
Cleveland	12	23	.343	16
Philadelphia	12	23	.343	16
Orlando	10	25	.286	18
Milwaukee	7	27	.206	20½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	28	8	.778	—
d-Oklahoma City	27	8	.771	½
Portland	27	9	.750	1
d-L.A. Clippers	25	13	.658	4
Houston	23	13	.639	5
Golden State	24	14	.632	5
Phoenix	21	13	.618	6
Dallas	20	16	.556	8
Denver	17	17	.500	10
Minnesota	17	18	.486	10½
New Orleans	15	19	.441	12
Memphis	15	19	.441	12
L.A. Lakers	14	22	.389	14
Sacramento	11	22	.333	15½
Utah	12	25	.324	16½

d — division leaders ranked in top four positions.

Thursday's results
New York 102 Miami 92
Oklahoma City at Denver
Wednesday's late results
Toronto 112 Detroit 91
Atlanta 97 Indiana 87
L.A. Clippers 111 Boston 105
Washington 102 New Orleans 96
Friday's games — All Times Eastern
Detroit at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Washington at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Houston at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Miami at Brooklyn, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Dallas at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Utah, 9 p.m.
Orlando at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Boston at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
There are so many ambitions you want to pursue and so many goals you want to reach, but not even an Aries can do everything at once. Decide what is the top thing that needs to be done — and do it.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
The planets indicate this is the perfect time to sit quietly and ponder the meaning of your existence. If that sounds a bit too intellectual, just plan your next big vacation.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
The first step toward resolving a problem is to recognize that there is a problem, and that is the step you must take today. For too long, you have ignored the warning signs.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Be completely honest with everyone you deal with today, even if it means you hurt their feelings. If you lie, despite the best of intentions, they will find out later and take it as a sign you cannot be trusted.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
If you have done something you are proud of then shout about it. You are no stranger to drawing attention to yourself but this is one of those occasions when you have every right to go on a lap of honour.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Take care you don't get lulled into a false sense of security and end up making the kind of silly mistake you usually work so hard to avoid. Check every detail over the next 24 hours.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Make an effort to put squabbles behind you. That might seem like a tall order considering how fragile certain relationships have been but it will be easier than you imagine.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Interesting information will come your way over the next 24 hours, making it easier for you to get your way. Once others realize you are ahead of the game, they are much more likely to do as you say.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Be positive about what happens today. Look on the bright side and realize that negativity of any kind will only add to your problems. Most of the world's population would give its right arm to be you.

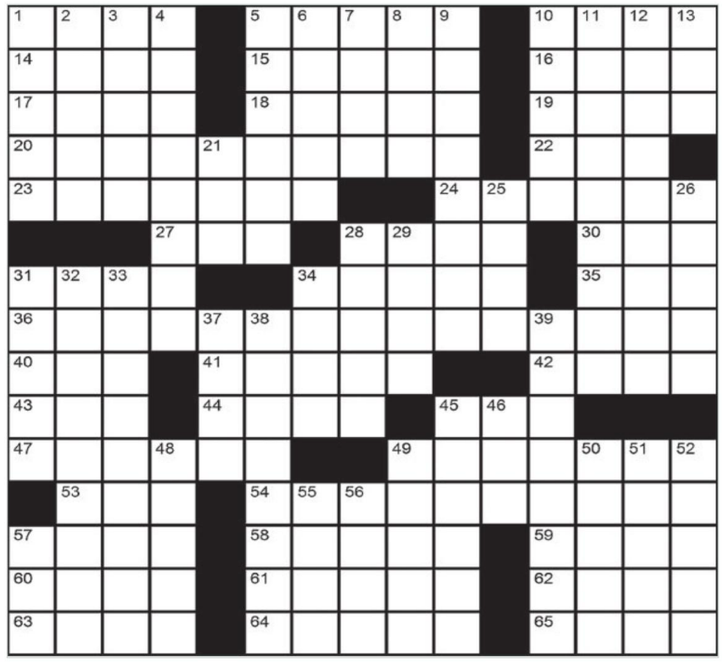
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Start something that helps you make your mark on the world. Don't worry that certain people might not approve. It's a sure sign that you are doing something worthwhile.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Don't reject an idea just because it seems impractical. A few days from now, you will see it in a light that makes you realize that if you want something enough, you can find a way to get it.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
It may seem that you are lucky, but it isn't true. The cosmos rewards those who deserve it and no one deserves it more than you. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

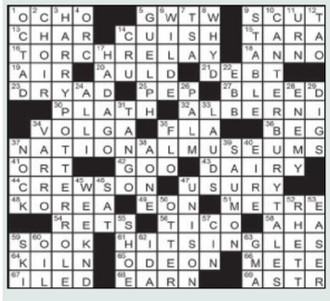
See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. __ dancing (Punk+rock dance style)
5. Ms. Lovato's
10. Billy Ray Cyrus' "__ Breaky Heart"
14. Matador's victim
15. Forcibly seize
16. "To __ __ not to..."
17. Observer
18. Plane seating request
19. Lakes, in Quebec
20. Profession for #28-Across: 2 wds.
22. Informally seat theatre-goers
23. Mottos
24. Concurs
27. Profound feeling
28. Ms. Olson of Food Network Canada
30. "Alice" waitress
31. Egotistically emote
34. Had pizza delivered: 2 wds.
35. Singer Janis
36. Rainwater harvesting is a source of it: 2 wds.
40. 'Lobby' suffix
41. Piano's D Sharp key alternatively, _ __
42. Actress/singer Ms. Michele's
43. Q. "Who's that novelist Mr. Lawrence?" A. "_._., _ believe."
44. Some: 2 wds.
45. Actor Mr. Wheaton
47. Esoteric
49. Newspaper piece
53. Sarah McLachlan song
54. CRTC = Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications __
57. Face part
58. Characteristic
59. Quiz
60. Katarina of figure skating
61. www mag
62. Margarine
63. Deuce-ace
64. Giver
65. Average

Down
1. Footprints
2. Faithful
3. "You ___ ___ Beautiful" by Joe Cocker
4. CMHC = Canada __ and Housing Corporation
5. The Rock, aka __ Johnson
6. Hockey great Mr. Lindros, and namesakes
7. Go together well
8. Archipelago part
9. "Hart to Hart" star Ms. Powers
10. Q. "'Song 2', do you know it?" A. "Yes, it's _ ___ song from 1997."
11. Peace, in wartime
12. Present-day Montreal in French explorer Jacques Cartier's time
13. Decade divs.
21. Carrot-consuming choice, cooked or __
25. "The Journey of Natty __" (1985)
26. Some electronics
28. Attorney-__-__
29. Nair competitor
31. Water filter company
32. Quentin Tarantino's "__ Dogs" (1992)
33. 'Cemetery of the Gulf' in Quebec, __ Island
34. Competent
37. Gradually withdraw
38. Influenced
39. Newfoundland town, 'The Root Cellar Capital of the World'
45. Author
46. The thing's
48. Have an __ __ grind
49. __ acid
50. Sky: Spanish
51. NBC's "The Biggest __"
52. Insects sci.
55. Pasta kind
56. Central
57. Nunavut's neigh.

Yesterday's Crossword



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How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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1				7	6		5	
	6	2		8		9	3	4
	4					5	7	
			1		8			
	8	9					1	
2	3	5		4		1	9	
	1		3	9				7
					2			

Yesterday's Sudoku

2	5	6	8	7	3	4	1	9
4	1	9	2	6	5	7	8	3
3	7	8	9	4	1	2	6	5
9	6	1	5	8	7	3	4	2
5	3	2	4	1	6	9	7	8
7	8	4	3	9	2	6	5	1
6	9	5	7	2	8	1	3	4
1	2	3	6	5	4	8	9	7
8	4	7	1	3	9	5	2	6

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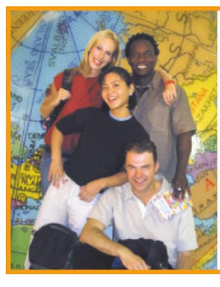
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